HIROKI
ENDO

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ALL-ROUNDER MEGURU

SHOOTO
SINCE 1985
Winning
Fighters brew

ALL-ROUNDER MEGURU

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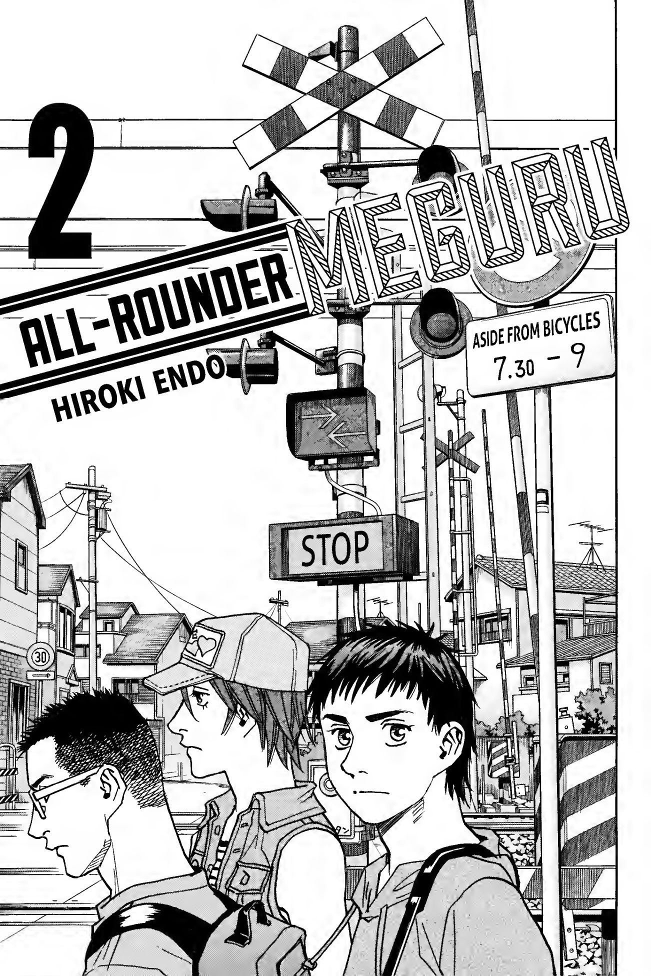
HIROKI ENDO


ASIDE FROM BICYCLES
7.30 – 9
STOP
30

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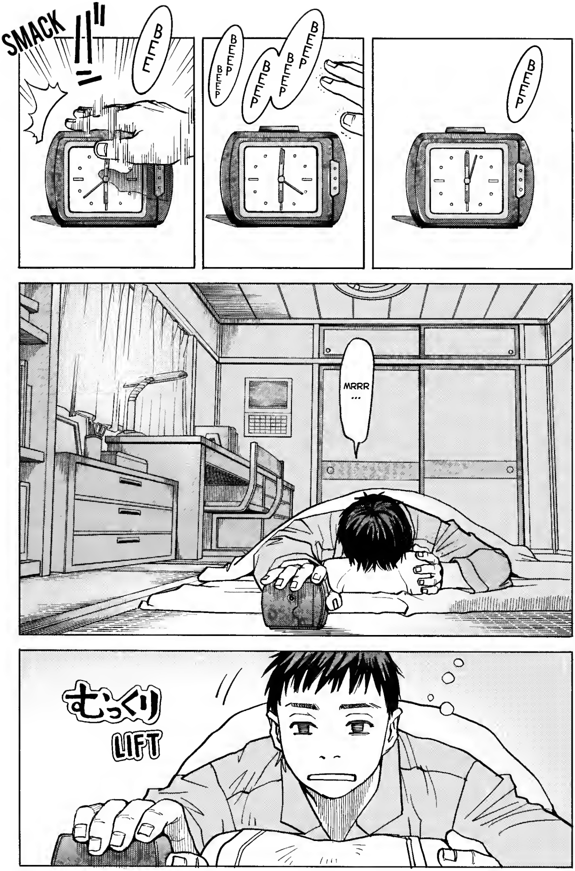
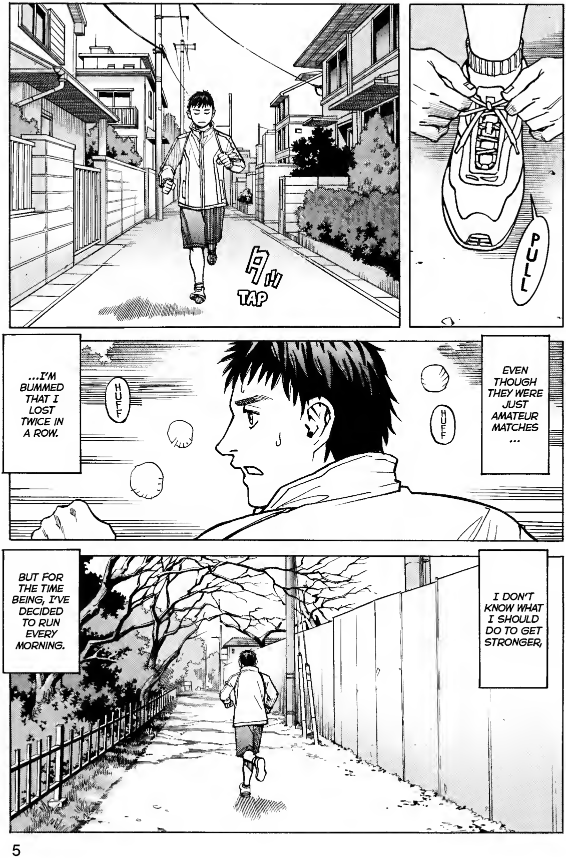
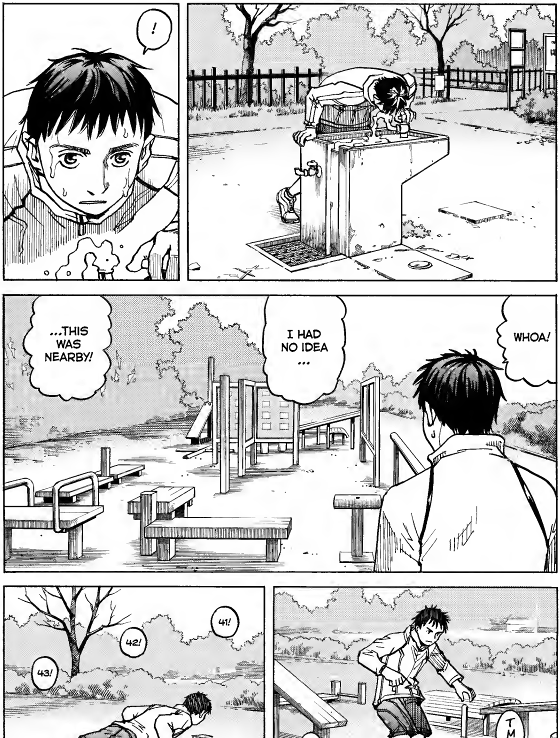
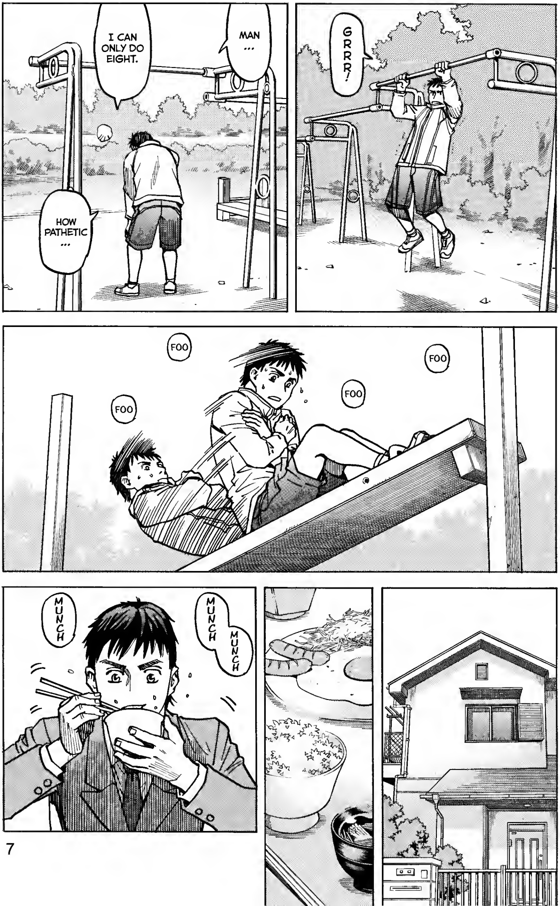
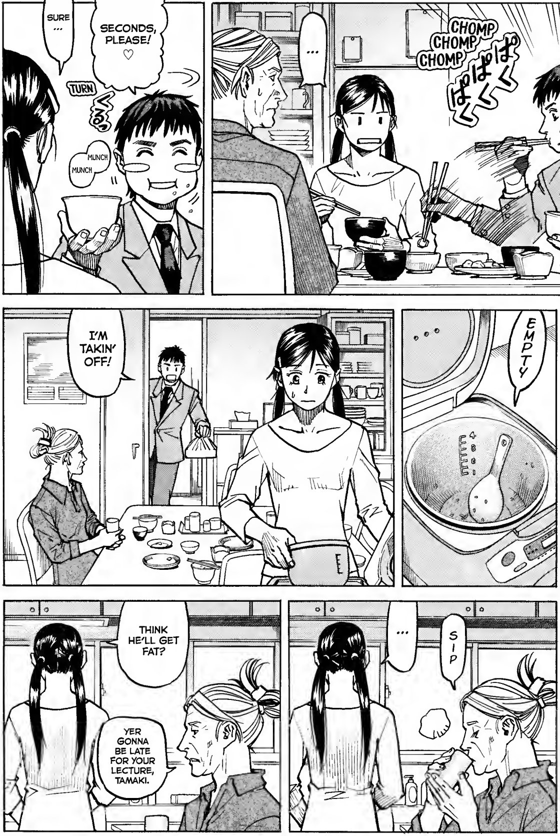
CH. 9 FUTURE PLANS

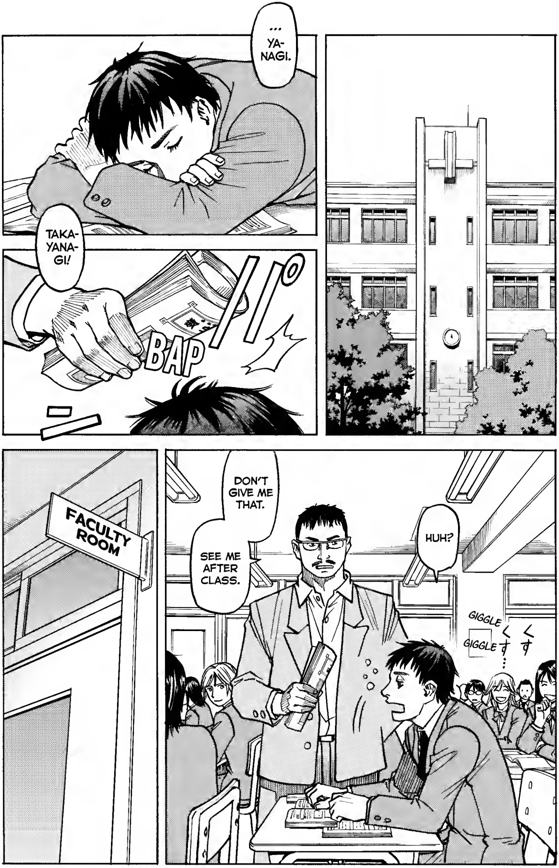

BEEP
BEEP BEEP
BEEP
BEEP BEEP
BEE
SMACK
MRRR…
むっくり
LIFT


PULL
タッ
TAP
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE JUST AMATEUR MATCHES...
HUFF
HUFF
...I'M BUMMED THAT I LOST TWICE IN A ROW.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I SHOULD DO TO GET STRONGER,
BUT FOR THE TIME BEING, I'VE DECIDED TO RUN EVERY MORNING.

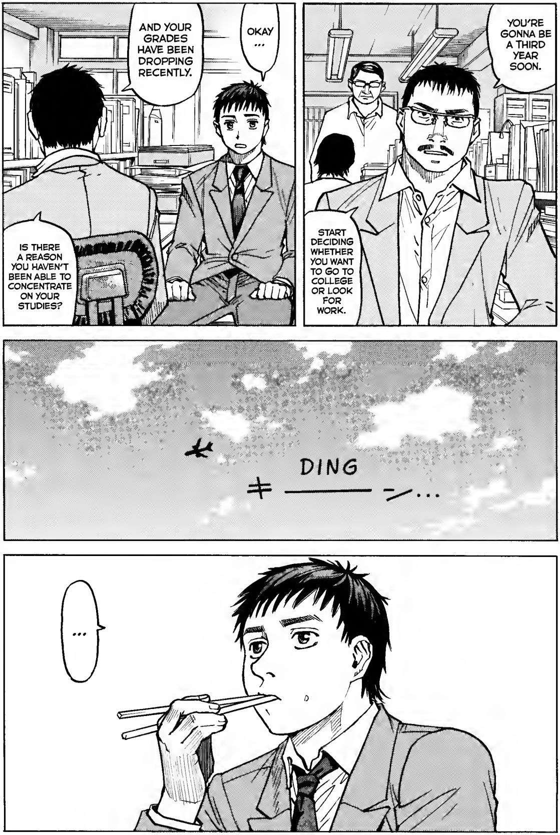

!
WHOA!
I HAD NO IDEA...
...THIS WAS NEARBY!
TMP
TMP
41!
42!
43!

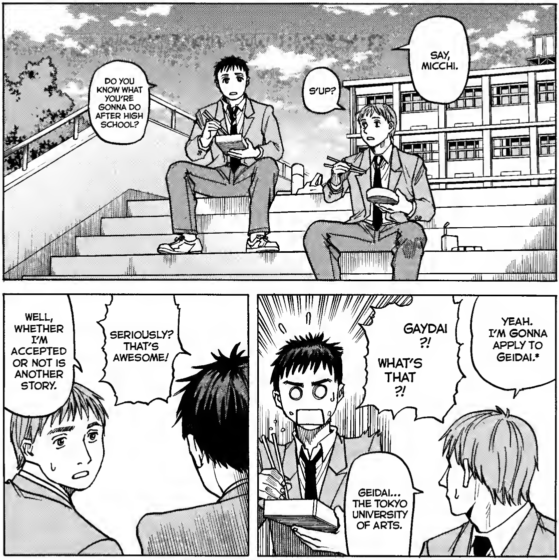

GRRR!
MAN ...
I CAN ONLY DO EIGHT.
HOW PATHETIC ...
FOO
FOO
FOO
FOO
MUNCH
MUNCH
MUNCH


CHOMP CHOMP CHOMP
ぱくぱくぱく
...
SECONDS, PLEASE! ♡
SURE ...
TURN
くるっ
MUNCH MUNCH
EMPTY
I'M TAKIN' OFF!
...
SIP
THINK HE'LL GET FAT?
YER GONNA BE LATE FOR YOUR LECTURE, TAMAKI.

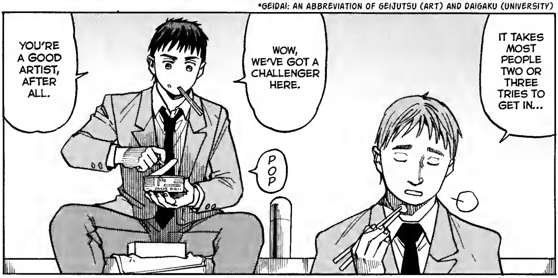


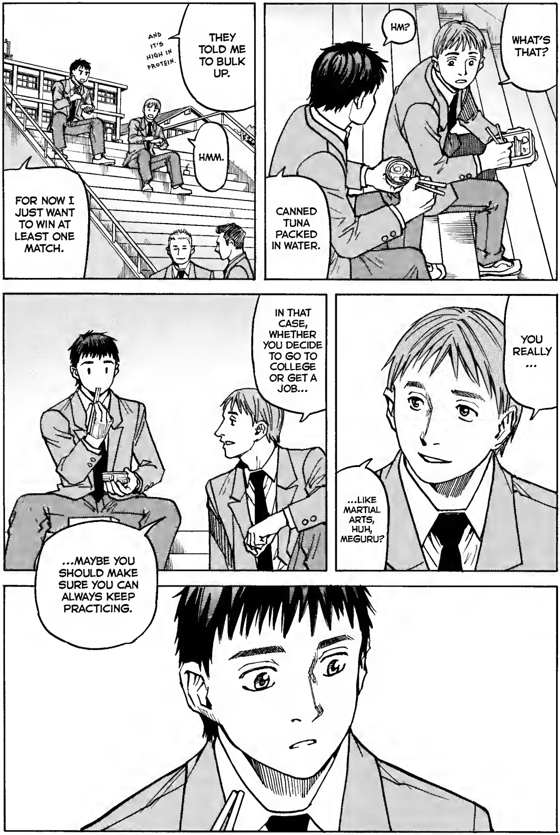
... YA-NAGI.
TAKA-YANA-GI!
BAP
HUH?
DON'T GIVE ME THAT.
SEE ME AFTER CLASS.
GIGGLE くす
GIGGLE くす...
FACULTY ROOM


YOU'RE GONNA BE A THIRD YEAR SOON.
START DECIDING WHETHER YOU WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE OR LOOK FOR WORK.
AND YOUR GRADES HAVE BEEN DROPPING RECENTLY.
OKAY ...
IS THERE A REASON YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CONCENTRATE ON YOUR STUDIES?
DING
キ――ン…
...


SAY, MICCHI.
S'UP?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE GONNA DO AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?
YEAH. I'M GONNA APPLY TO GEIDAI.*
GAYDAI ?!
WHAT'S THAT ?!
GEIDAI... THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY OF ARTS.
SERIOUSLY? THAT'S AWESOME!
WELL, WHETHER I'M ACCEPTED OR NOT IS ANOTHER STORY.

*GEIDAI: AN ABBREVIATION OF GEIJUTSU (ART) AND DAIGAKU (UNIVERSITY)


IT TAKES MOST PEOPLE TWO OR THREE TRIES TO GET IN...
POP
WOW, WE'VE GOT A CHALLENGER HERE.
YOU'RE A GOOD ARTIST, AFTER ALL.


WHAT'S THAT?
HM?
CANNED TUNA PACKED IN WATER.
THEY TOLD ME TO BULK UP.
AND IT'S HIGH IN PROTEIN.
HMM.
FOR NOW I JUST WANT TO WIN AT LEAST ONE MATCH.
YOU REALLY...
...LIKE MARTIAL ARTS, HUH, MEGURU?
IN THAT CASE, WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO GO TO COLLEGE OR GET A JOB...
...MAYBE YOU SHOULD MAKE SURE YOU CAN ALWAYS KEEP PRACTICING.

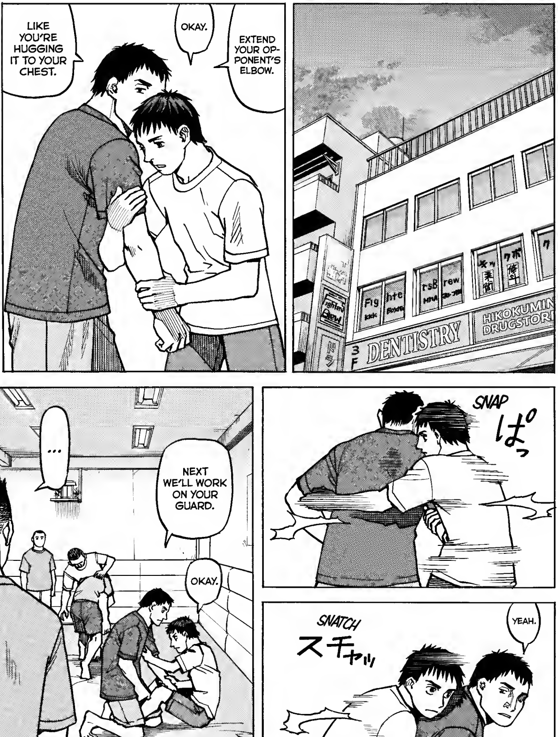
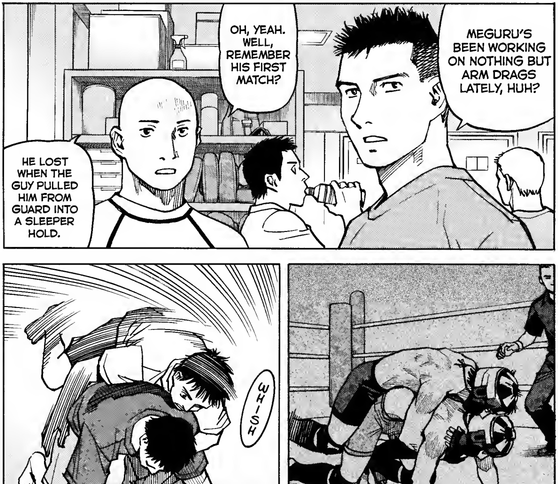
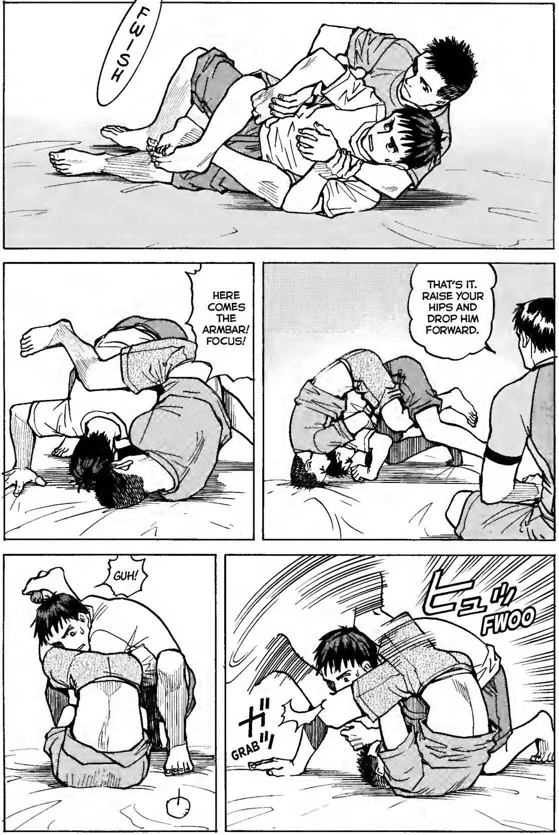
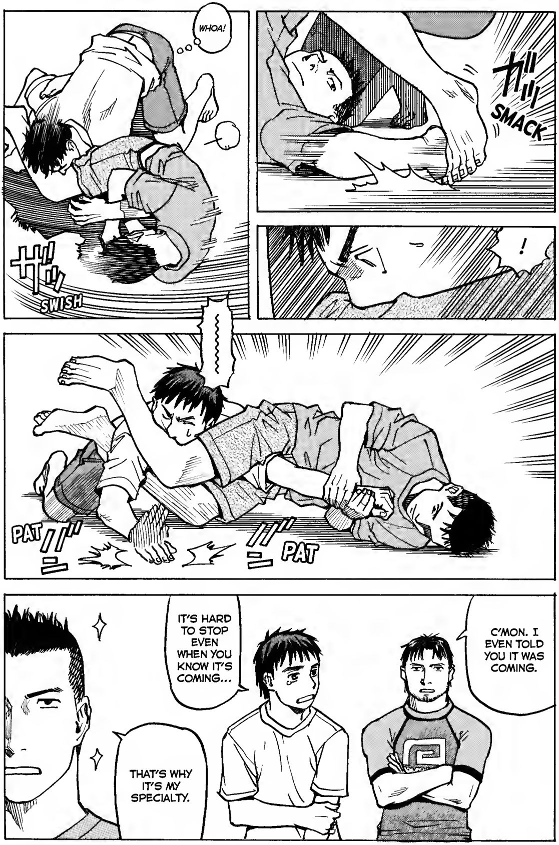
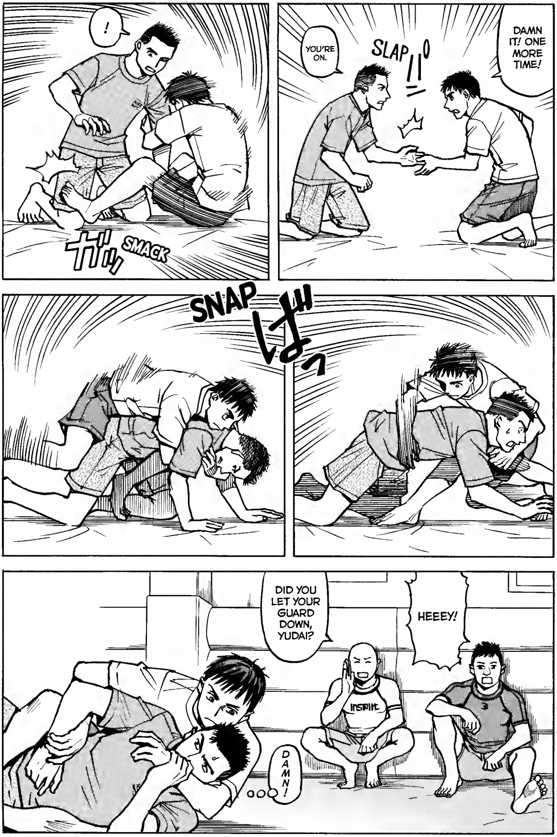


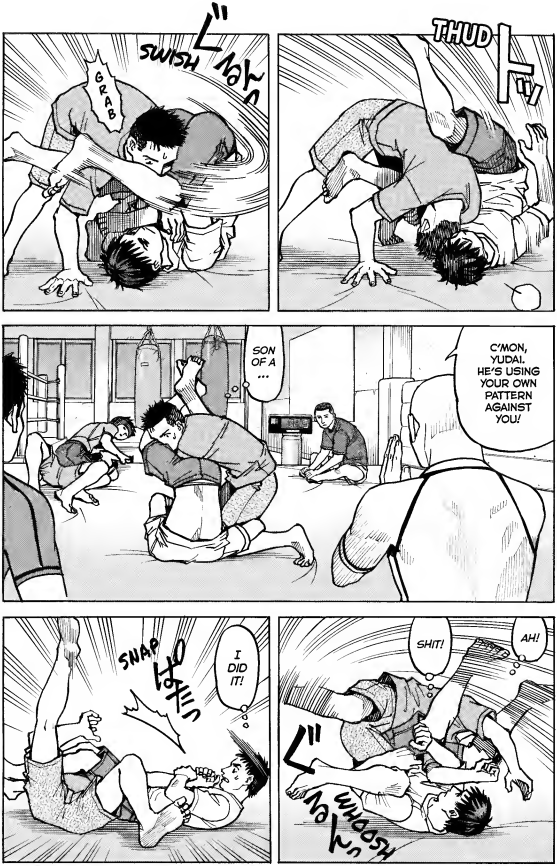
Fig hte
rsB rew
MMA
DENTISTRY
3F
HIKOKUMIN DRUGSTOR
EXTEND YOUR OPPONENT'S ELBOW.
OKAY.
LIKE YOU'RE HUGGING IT TO YOUR CHEST.
SNAP
ぱっ
SNATCH
スチャッ
YEAH.
THAT'S IT.
NEXT WE'LL WORK ON YOUR GUARD.
OKAY.
...

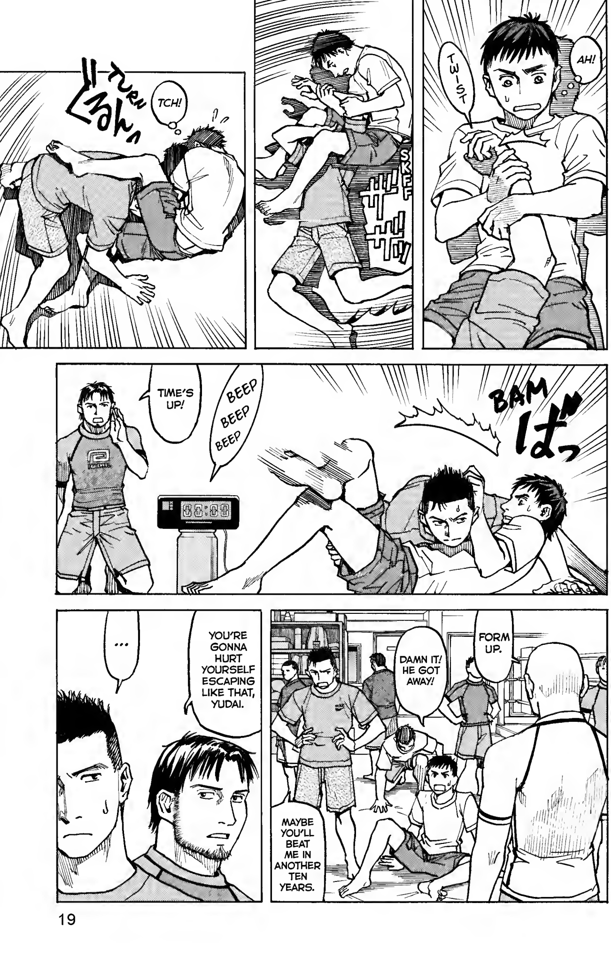

MEGURU'S BEEN WORKING ON NOTHING BUT ARM DRAGS LATELY, HUH?
OH, YEAH. WELL, REMEMBER HIS FIRST MATCH?
HE LOST WHEN THE GUY PULLED HIM FROM GUARD INTO A SLEEPER HOLD.
WHISH
HE PROBABLY DOESN'T WANT TO LOSE TO THE SAME MOVE TWICE.
HMM.

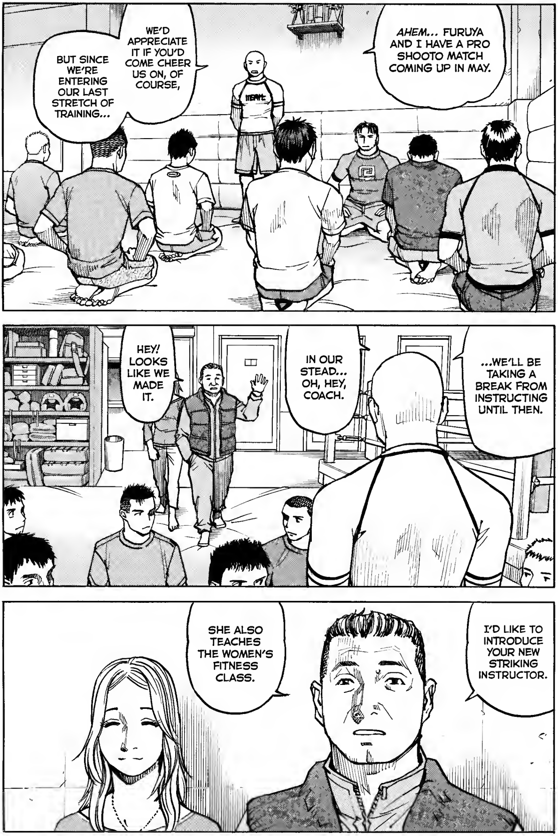

FWISH
THAT'S IT. RAISE YOUR HIPS AND DROP HIM FORWARD.
HERE COMES THE ARMBAR! FOCUS!
ヒュッ FWOO
ガッ GRAB
GUH!

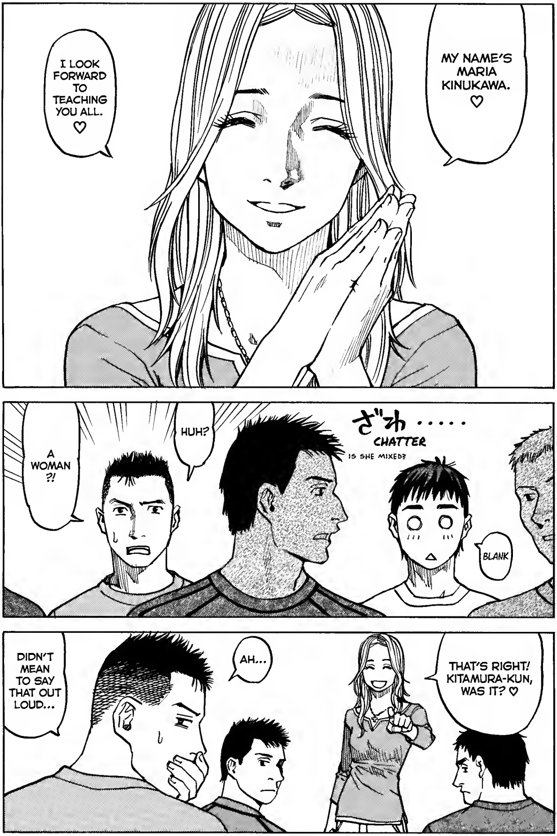

ガッ
SMACK
!
WHOA!
ガッ
SWISH
……
PAT
PAT
C'MON. I EVEN TOLD YOU IT WAS COMING.
IT'S HARD TO STOP EVEN WHEN YOU KNOW IT'S COMING...
THAT'S WHY IT'S MY SPECIALTY.

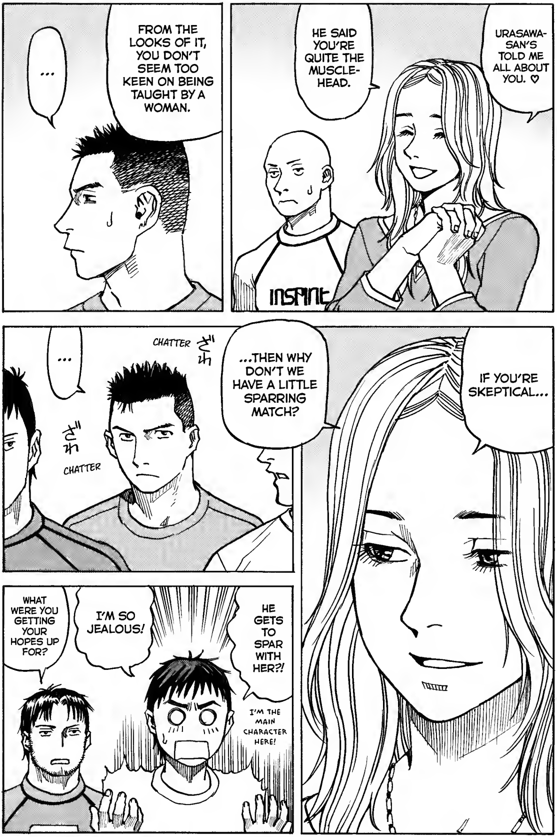

DAMN IT! ONE MORE TIME!
SLAP
YOU'RE ON.
!
ガッ
SMACK
SNAP
ばっ
HEEEY!
DID YOU LET YOUR GUARD DOWN, YUDAI?
DAMN!

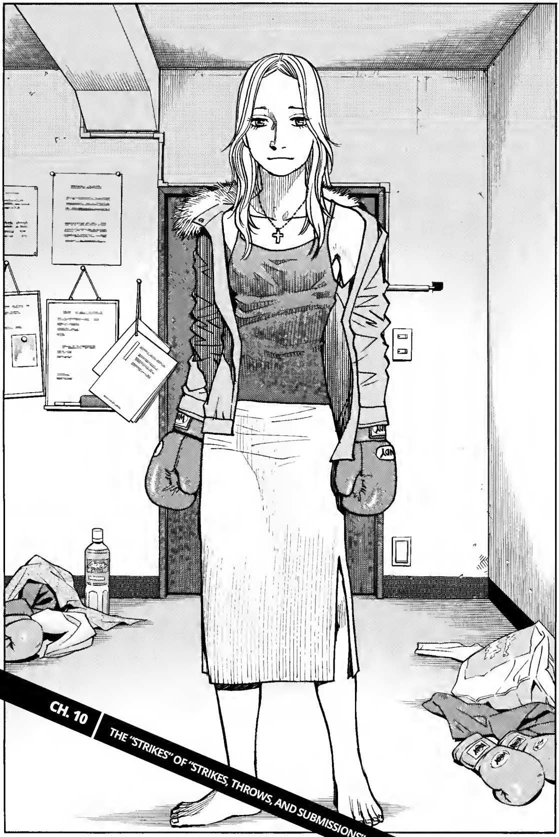

THUD
トッ
SWISH
ぐるん
GRAB
C'MON, YUDAI. HE'S USING YOUR OWN PATTERN AGAINST YOU!
SON OF A ...
AH!
SHIT!
WHOOSH
ぐるんっ
I DID IT!
SNAP
ぱきっ

AH!
TWIST
SKEF
ザザッ
TURN
くるん
TCH!
BAM
ばっ
BEEP BEEP BEEP
TIME'S UP!
FORM UP.
DAMN IT! HE GOT AWAY!
MAYBE YOU'LL BEAT ME IN ANOTHER TEN YEARS.
YOU'RE GONNA HURT YOURSELF ESCAPING LIKE THAT, YUDAI.
...


AHEM... FURUYA AND I HAVE A PRO SHOOTO MATCH COMING UP IN MAY.
WE'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D COME CHEER US ON, OF COURSE,
BUT SINCE WE'RE ENTERING OUR LAST STRETCH OF TRAINING...
...WE'LL BE TAKING A BREAK FROM INSTRUCTING UNTIL THEN.
IN OUR STEAD... OH, HEY, COACH.
HEY! LOOKS LIKE WE MADE IT.
I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOUR NEW STRIKING INSTRUCTOR.
SHE ALSO TEACHES THE WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASS.

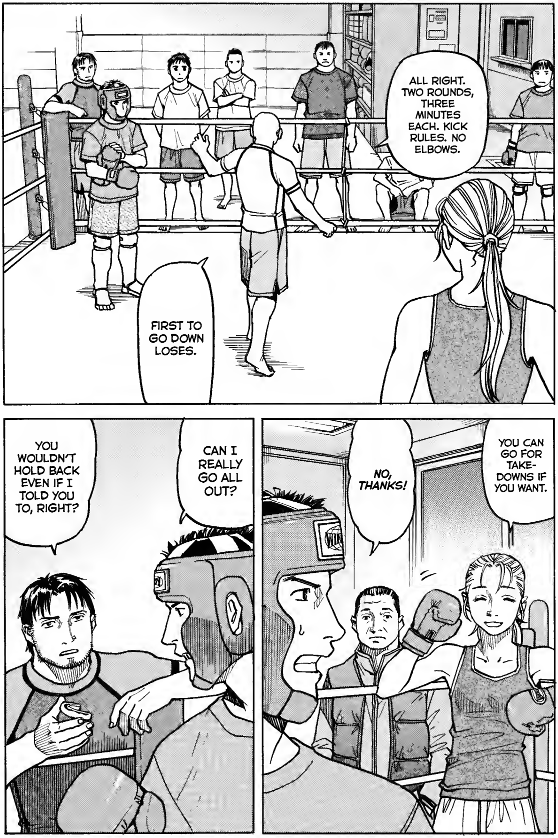

MY NAME'S MARIA KINUKAWA. ♡
I LOOK FORWARD TO TEACHING YOU ALL. ♡
ざわ…… CHATTER
IS SHE MIXED?
BLANK
HUH?
A WOMAN ?!
THAT'S RIGHT! KITAMURA-KUN, WAS IT? ♡
AH...
DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THAT OUT LOUD...

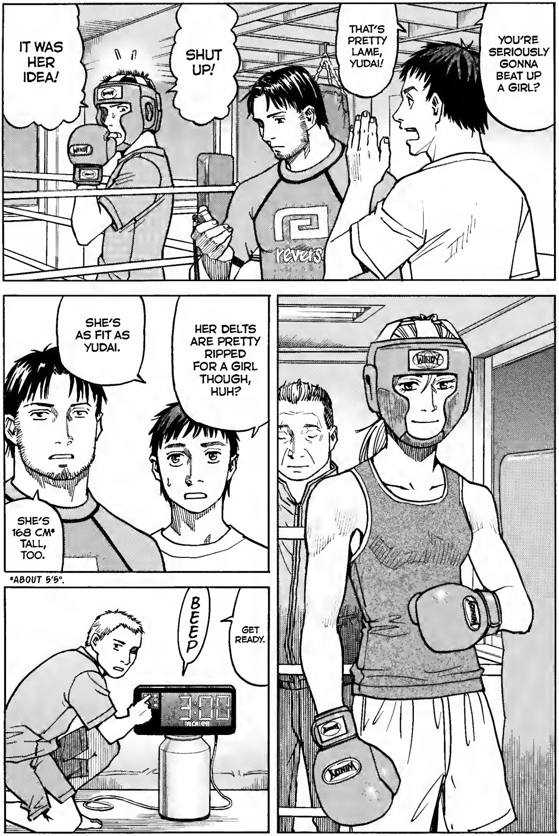

URASAWA-SAN'S TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU. ♡
HE SAID YOU'RE QUITE THE MUSCLE-HEAD.
FROM THE LOOKS OF IT, YOU DON'T SEEM TOO KEEN ON BEING TAUGHT BY A WOMAN.
...
IF YOU'RE SKEPTICAL...
...THEN WHY DON'T WE HAVE A LITTLE SPARRING MATCH?
ざわ CHATTER
...
ざわ CHATTER
HE GETS TO SPAR WITH HER?!
I'M THE MAIN CHARACTER HERE!
I'M SO JEALOUS!
WHAT WERE YOU GETTING YOUR HOPES UP FOR?



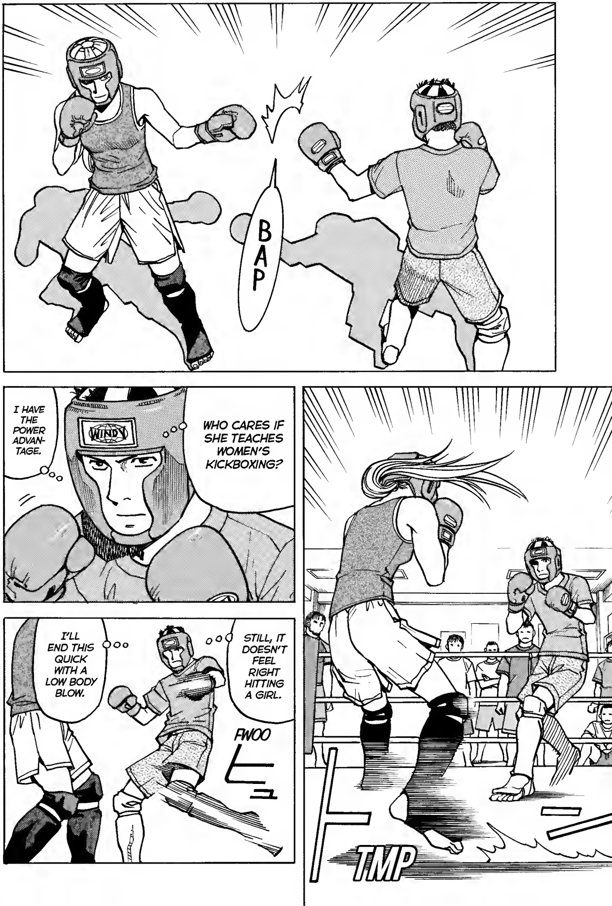
CH. 10

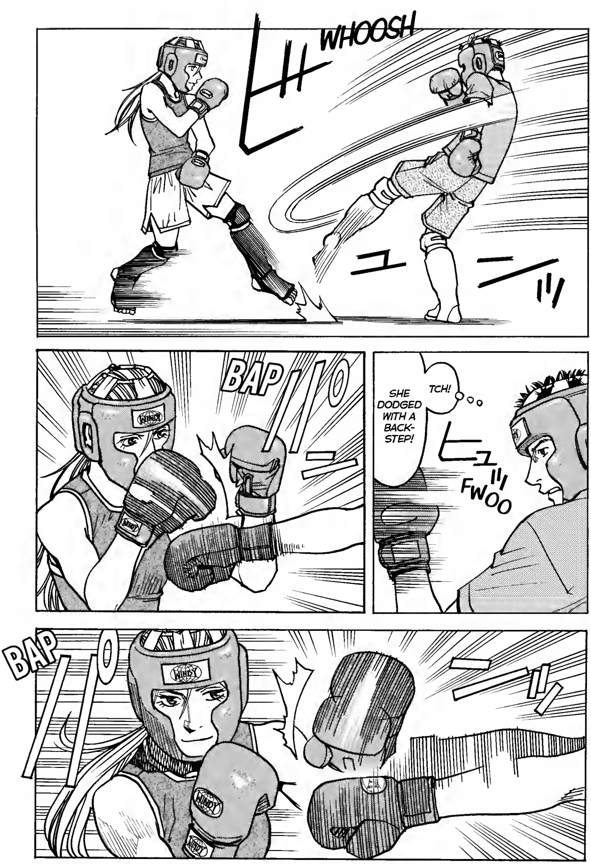
THE "STRIKES" OF "STRIKES, THROWS, AND SUBMISSIONS" (PART ONE)

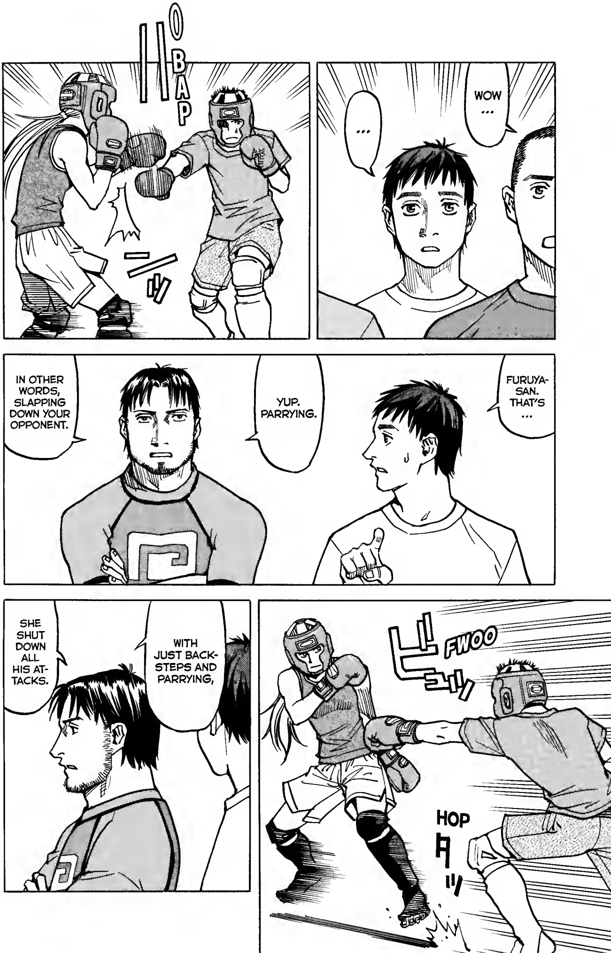

ALL RIGHT. TWO ROUNDS, THREE MINUTES EACH. KICK RULES. NO ELBOWS.
FIRST TO GO DOWN LOSES.
YOU CAN GO FOR TAKEDOWNS IF YOU WANT.
NO, THANKS!
CAN I REALLY GO ALL OUT?
YOU WOULDN'T HOLD BACK EVEN IF I TOLD YOU TO, RIGHT?

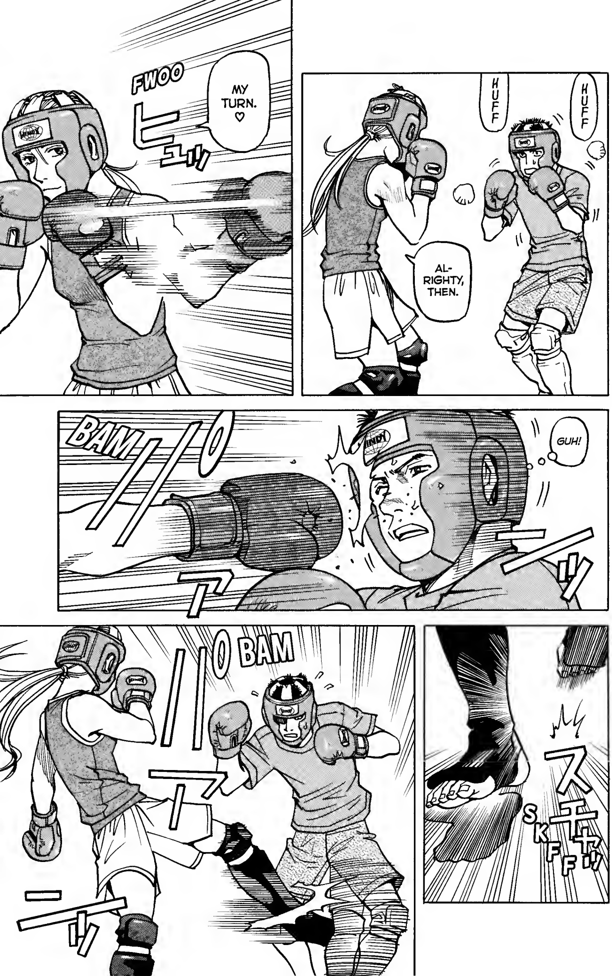

YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GONNA BEAT UP A GIRL?
THAT'S PRETTY LAME, YUDAI!
SHUT UP!
IT WAS HER IDEA!
WINDY
reversal
HER DELTS ARE PRETTY RIPPED FOR A GIRL THOUGH, HUH?
SHE'S AS FIT AS YUDAI.
SHE'S 168 CM* TALL, TOO.
GET READY.
BEEP
3:00

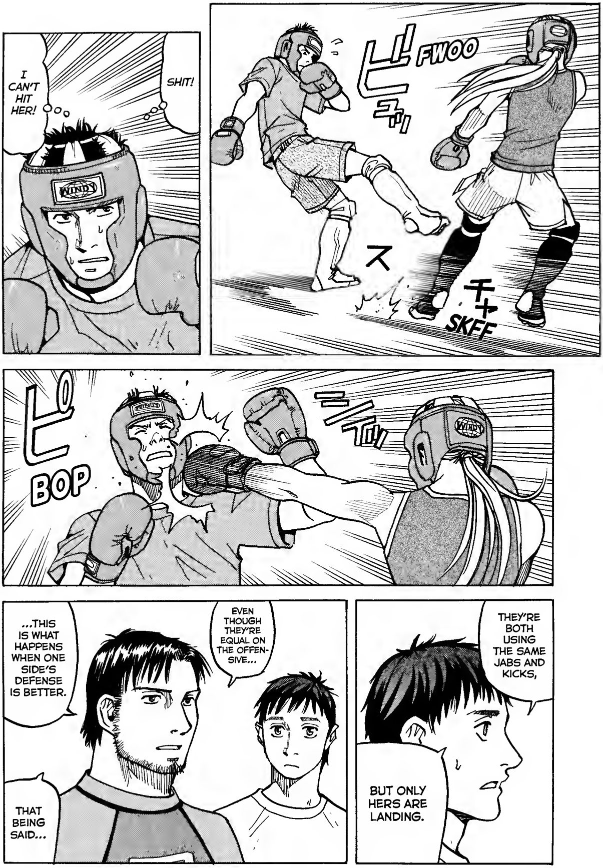
*ABOUT 5'5".

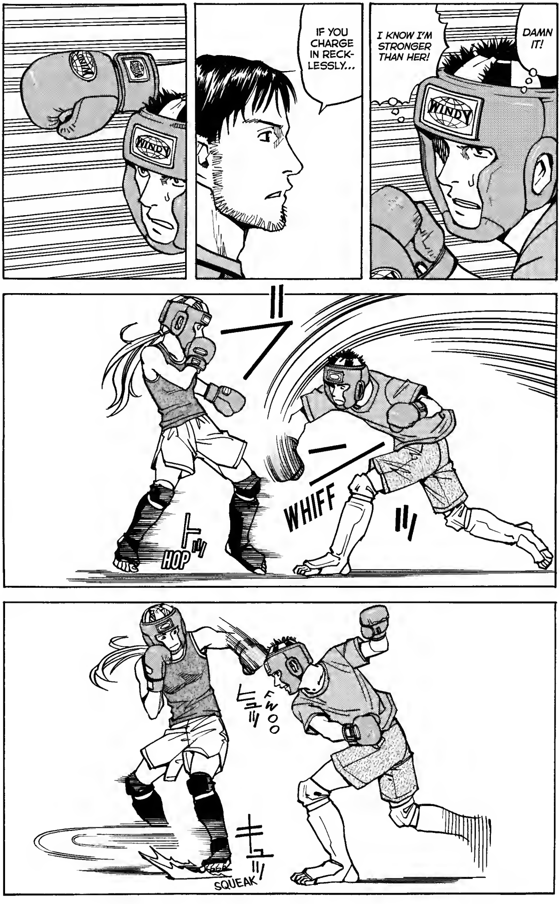

BAP
WHO CARES IF SHE TEACHES WOMEN'S KICKBOXING?
I HAVE THE POWER ADVANTAGE.
WINDY
STILL, IT DOESN'T FEEL RIGHT HITTING A GIRL.
I'LL END THIS QUICK WITH A LOW BODY BLOW.
FWOO
ヒュ
ト
TMP

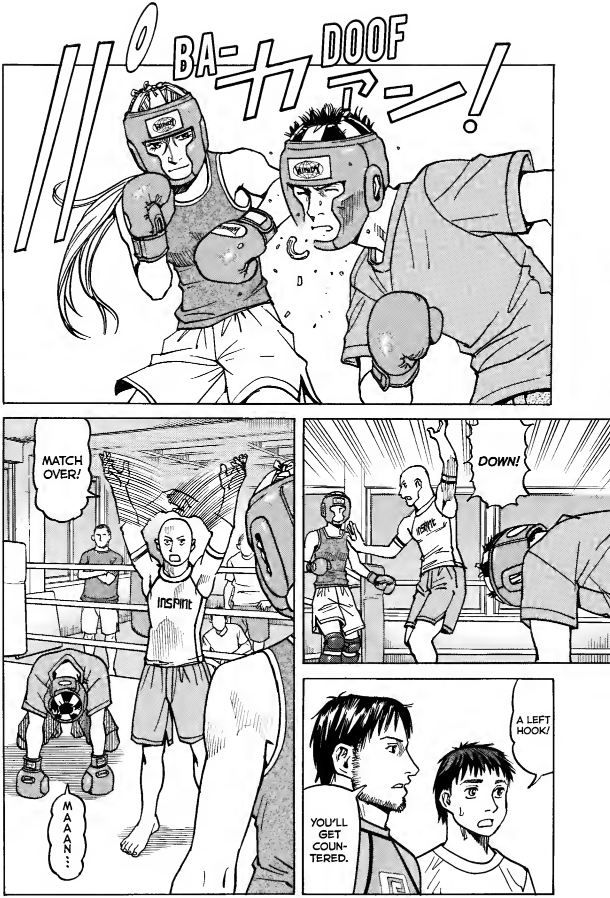

WHOOSH
ビューッ
TCH!
SHE DODGED WITH A BACK-STEP!
ヒュッ
FWOO
BAP
パーッ
BAP
パーッ

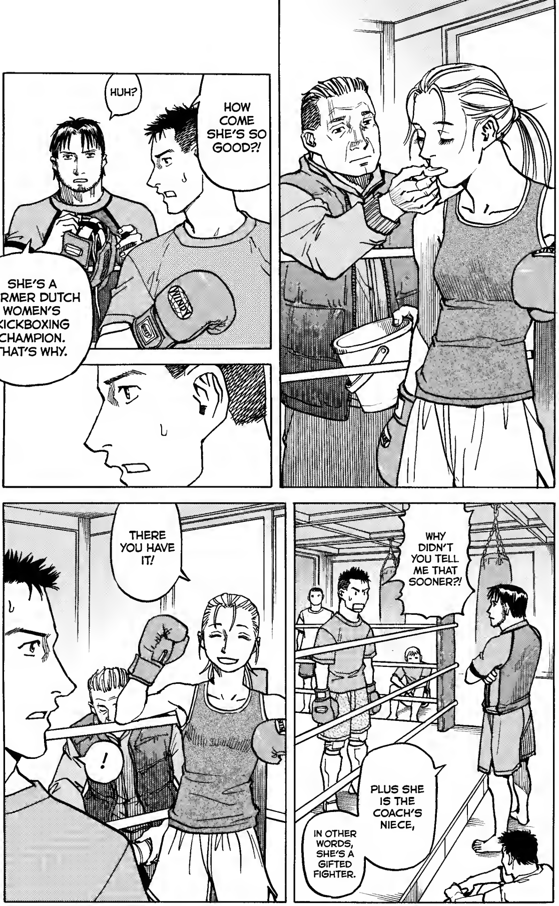

WOW ...
...
BAP
FURUYA-SAN. THAT'S ...
YUP. PARRYING.
IN OTHER WORDS, SLAPPING DOWN YOUR OPPONENT.
FWOO
HOP
WITH JUST BACKSTEPS AND PARRYING,
SHE SHUT DOWN ALL HIS ATTACKS.

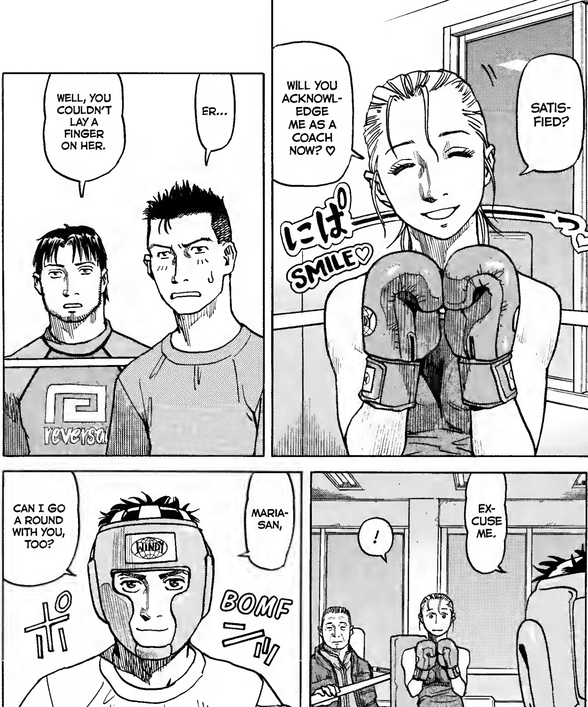

HUFF
HUFF
ALRIGHTY, THEN.
FWOO
ヒュッ
MY TURN. ♡
GUH!
BAM
バアッ
ーッ
SKFF
スチャッ
BAM
バアッ
ーッ

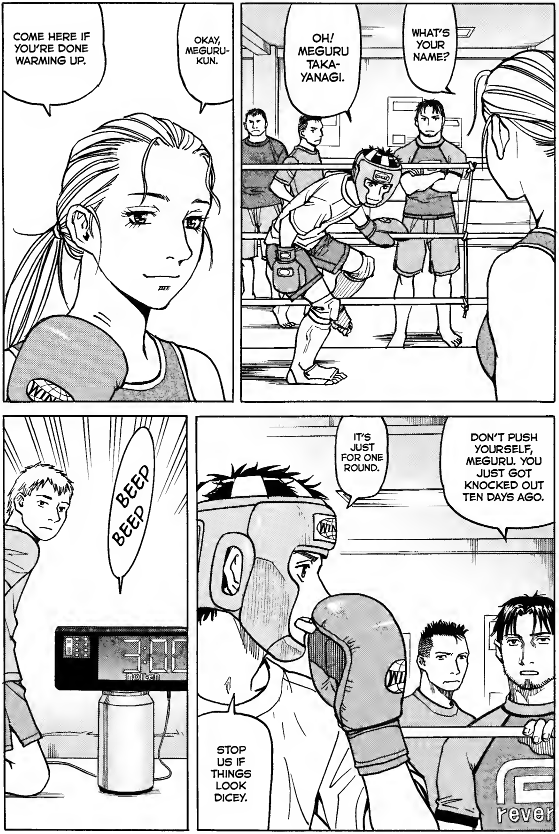

ピュッ
FWOO
ス
チャ
SKFF
SHIT!
I CAN'T HIT HER!
シィッ
ピ
BOP
THEY'RE BOTH USING THE SAME JABS AND KICKS,
BUT ONLY HERS ARE LANDING.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE EQUAL ON THE OFFENSIVE...
...THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN ONE SIDE'S DEFENSE IS BETTER.
THAT BEING SAID...

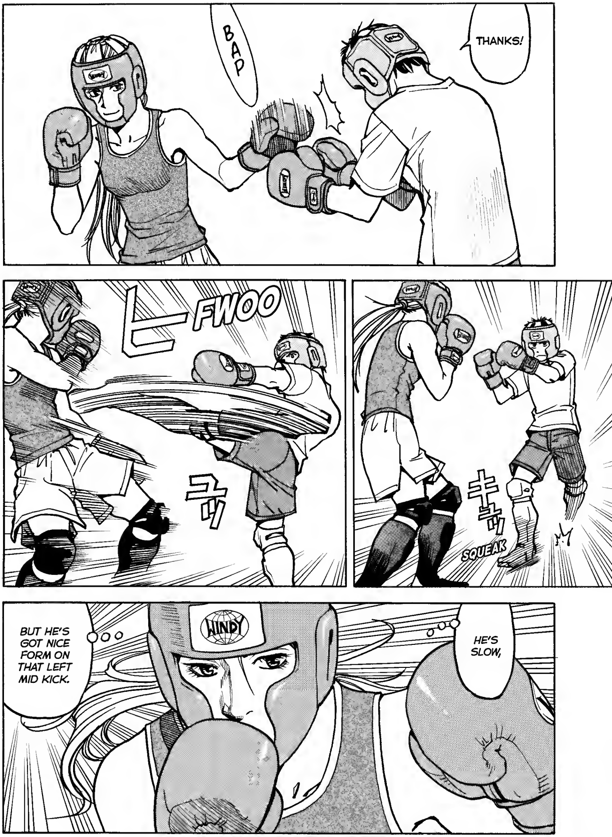

DAMN IT!
I KNOW I'M STRONGER THAN HER!
IF YOU CHARGE IN RECKLESSLY...
WHIFF
トッ
HOP
ヒュッ
FWOO
キュッ
SQUEAK

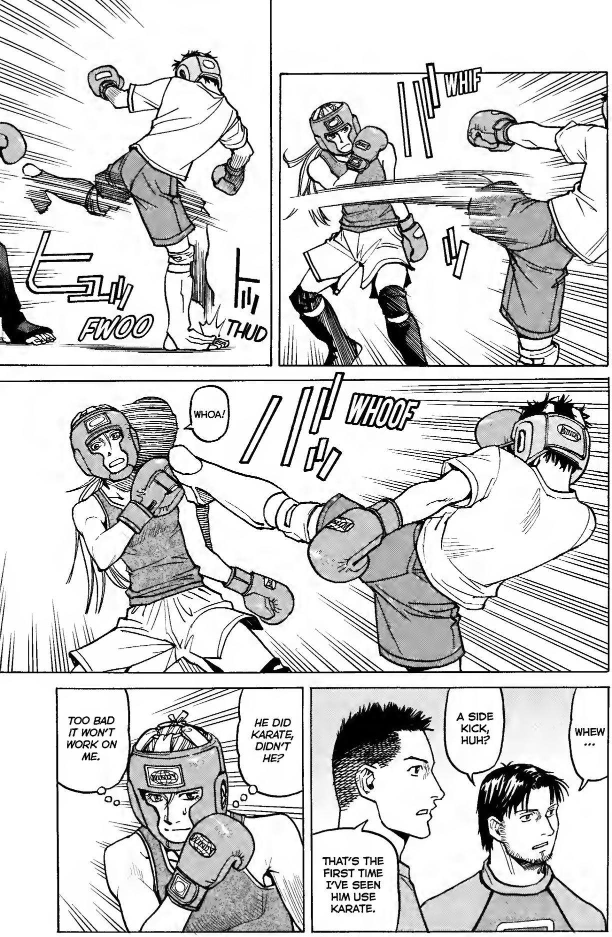

BA-DOOF
カアンー!
DOWN!
A LEFT HOOK!
YOU'LL GET COUNTERED.
MATCH OVER!
MAAAN…

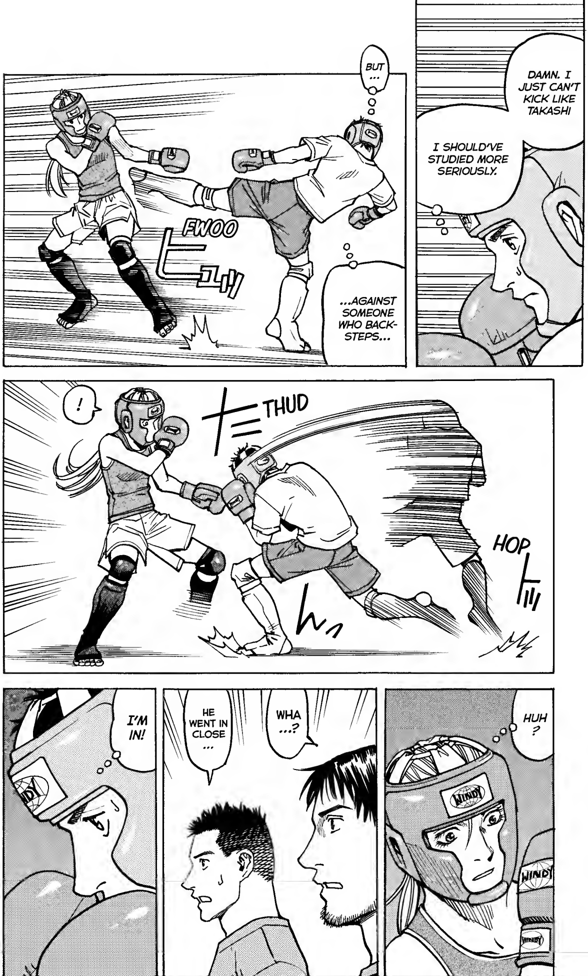

HOW COME SHE'S SO GOOD?!
HUH?
SHE'S A FORMER DUTCH WOMEN'S KICKBOXING CHAMPION. THAT'S WHY.
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT SOONER?!
PLUS SHE IS THE COACH'S NIECE,
IN OTHER WORDS, SHE'S A GIFTED FIGHTER.
THERE YOU HAVE IT!
!

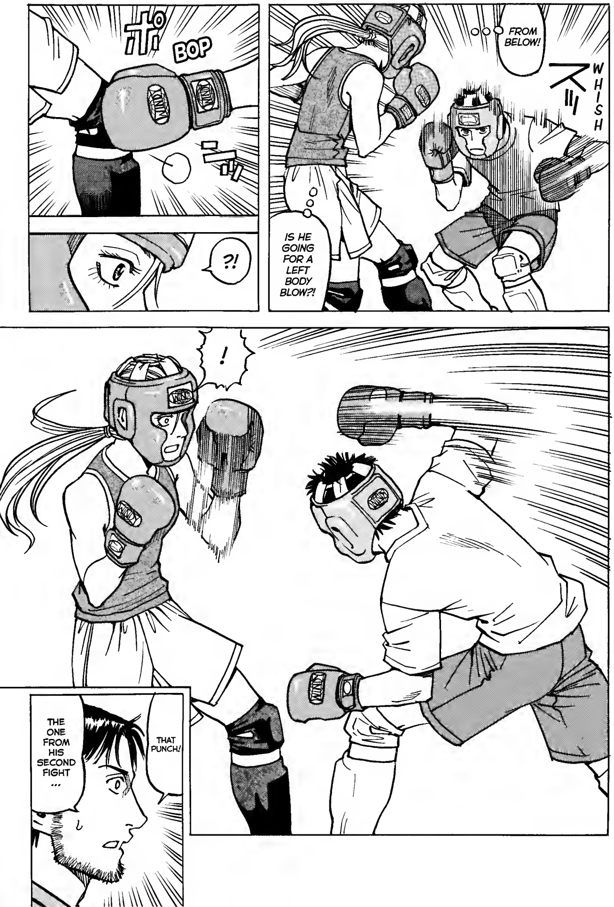

SATISFIED?
WILL YOU ACKNOWLEDGE ME AS A COACH NOW? ♡
にぱ
SMILE♡
ER...
WELL, YOU COULDN'T LAY A FINGER ON HER.
reversal
EXCUSE ME.
!
MARIA-SAN,
CAN I GO A ROUND WITH YOU, TOO?
ポン
BOMF
WINDY

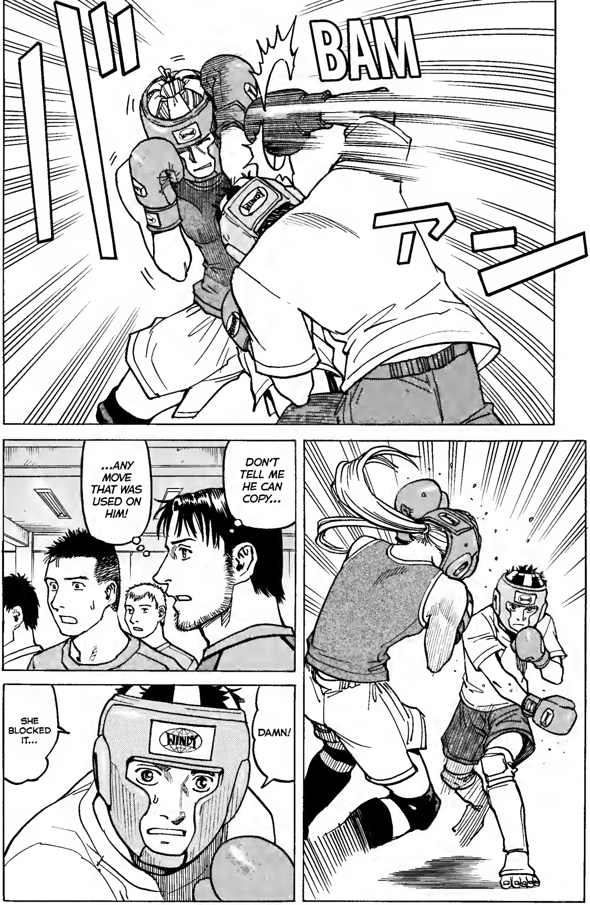

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
OH! MEGURU TAKAYANAGI.
OKAY, MEGURU-KUN.
COME HERE IF YOU'RE DONE WARMING UP.
WIN
DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, MEGURU. YOU JUST GOT KNOCKED OUT TEN DAYS AGO.
IT'S JUST FOR ONE ROUND.
STOP US IF THINGS LOOK DICEY.
WIN
rever
BEEP BEEP
3:00
molten

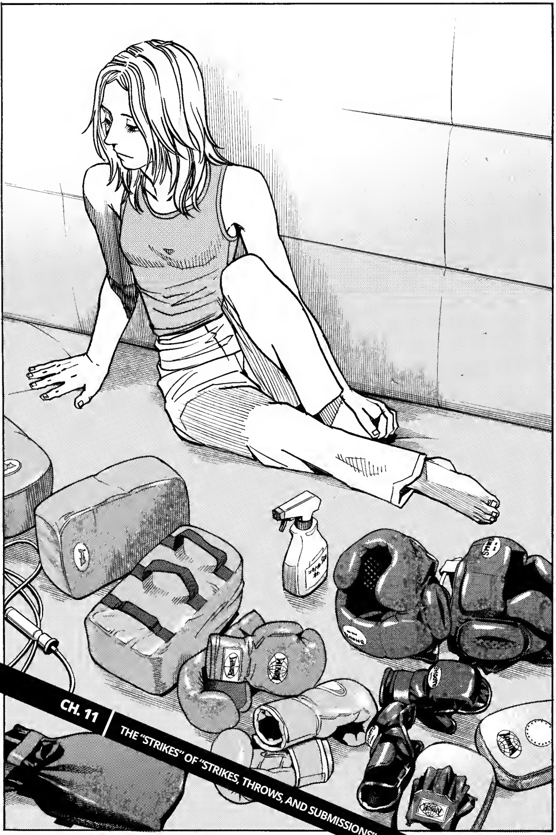

THANKS!
BAP
キュッ
SQUEAK
ヒ FWOO
ュッ
WINDY
HE'S SLOW,
BUT HE'S GOT NICE FORM ON THAT LEFT MID KICK.


WHIF
ヒュッ
FWOO
トッ
THUD
WHOOF
WHOA!
WHEW ...
A SIDE KICK, HUH?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM USE KARATE.
HE DID KARATE, DIDN'T HE?
TOO BAD IT WON'T WORK ON ME.


DAMN. I JUST CAN'T KICK LIKE TAKASHI
I SHOULD'VE STUDIED MORE SERIOUSLY.
BUT ...
...AGAINST SOMEONE WHO BACK-STEPS...
FWOO
!
THUD
HOP
HUH ?
WHA ...?
HE WENT IN CLOSE ...
I'M IN!
WINDY

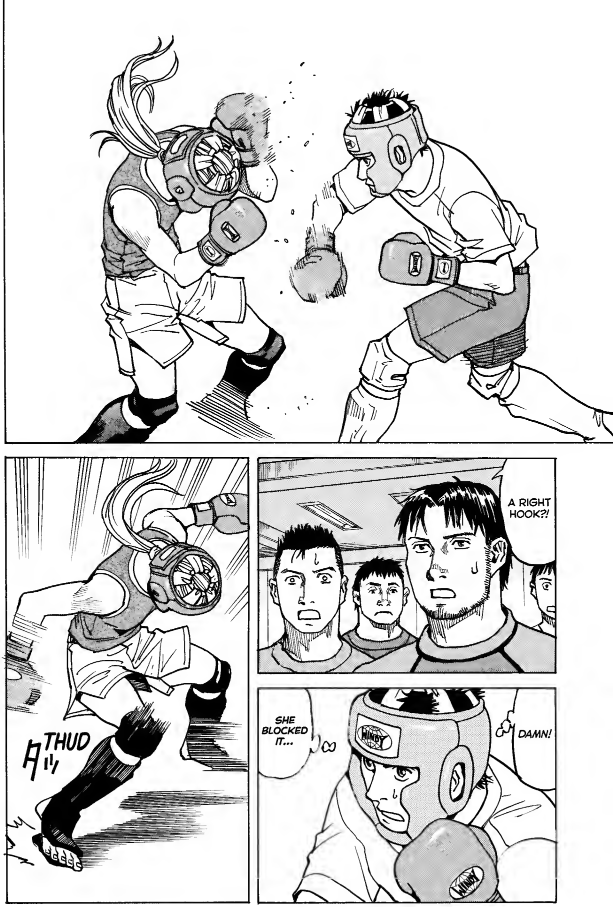

ポ BOP
?!
...FROM BELOW!
ス WHISH
IS HE GOING FOR A LEFT BODY BLOW?!
!
THAT PUNCH!
THE ONE FROM HIS SECOND FIGHT ...

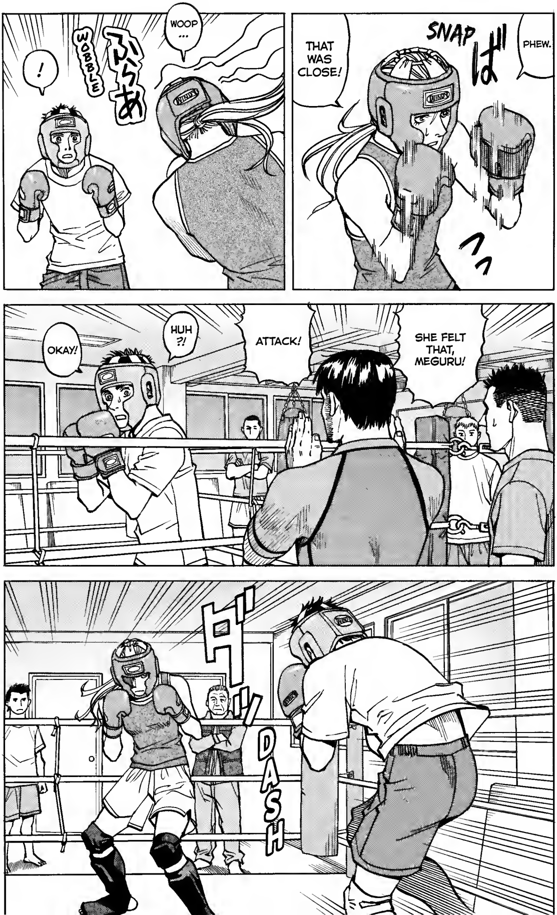
BAM
WINDY
DON'T TELL ME HE CAN COPY...
...ANY MOVE THAT WAS USED ON HIM!
DAMN!
SHE BLOCKED IT...

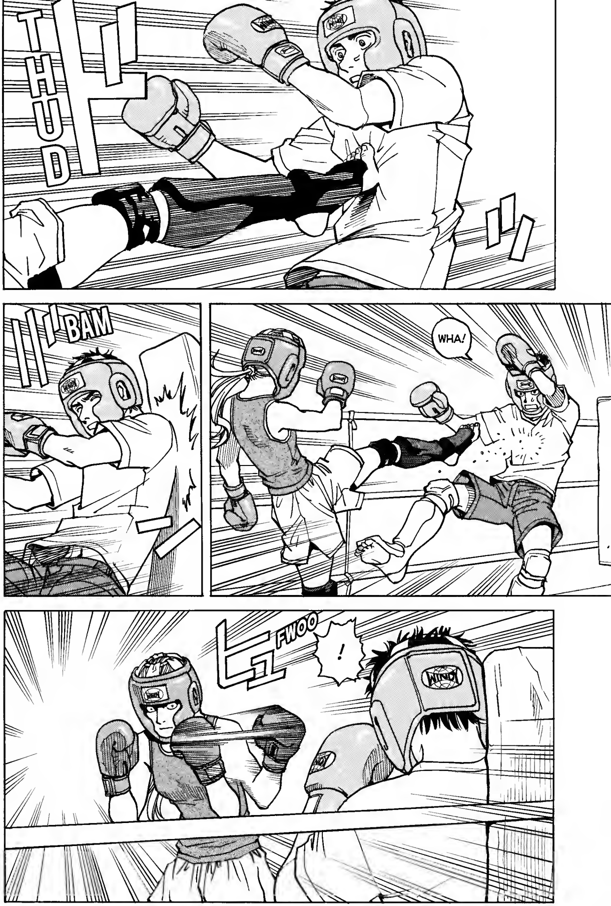


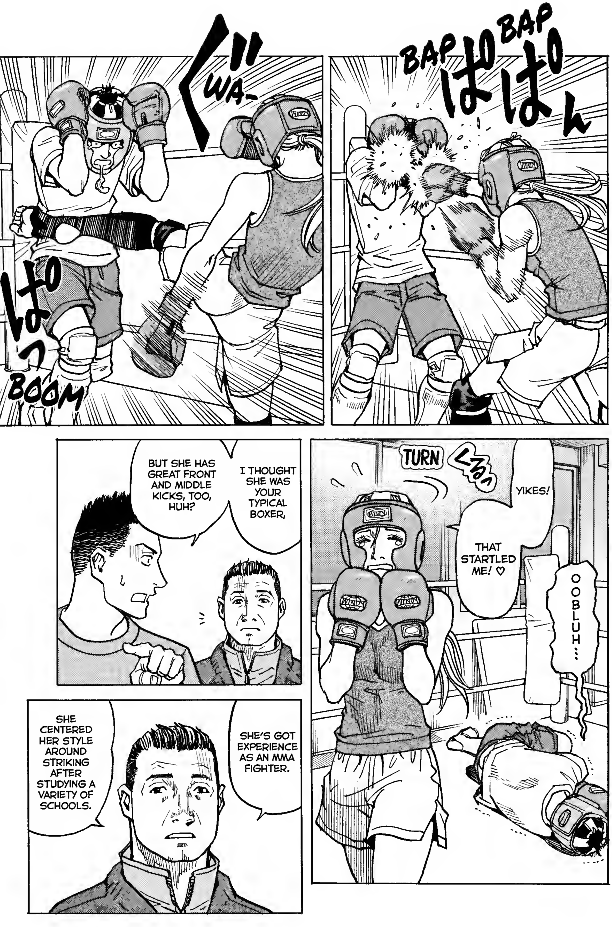
CH. 11

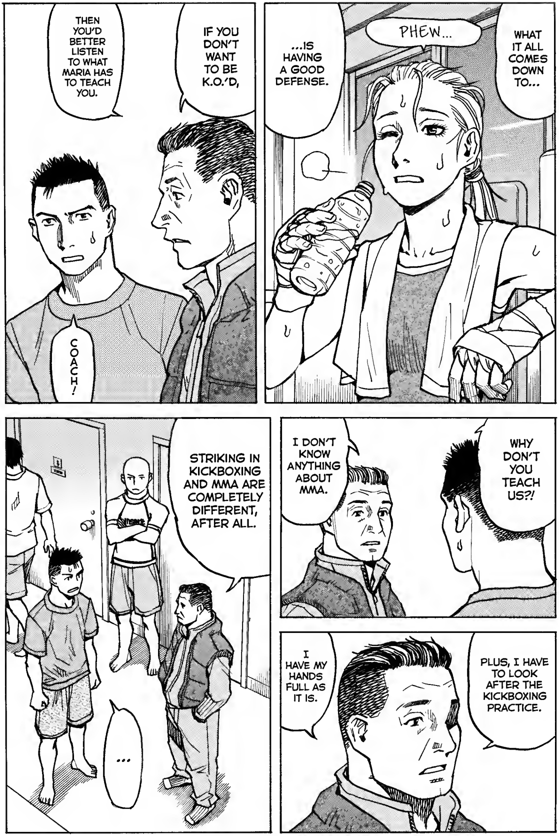
THE "STRIKES" OF "STRIKES, THROWS, AND SUBMISSIONS" (PART TWO)

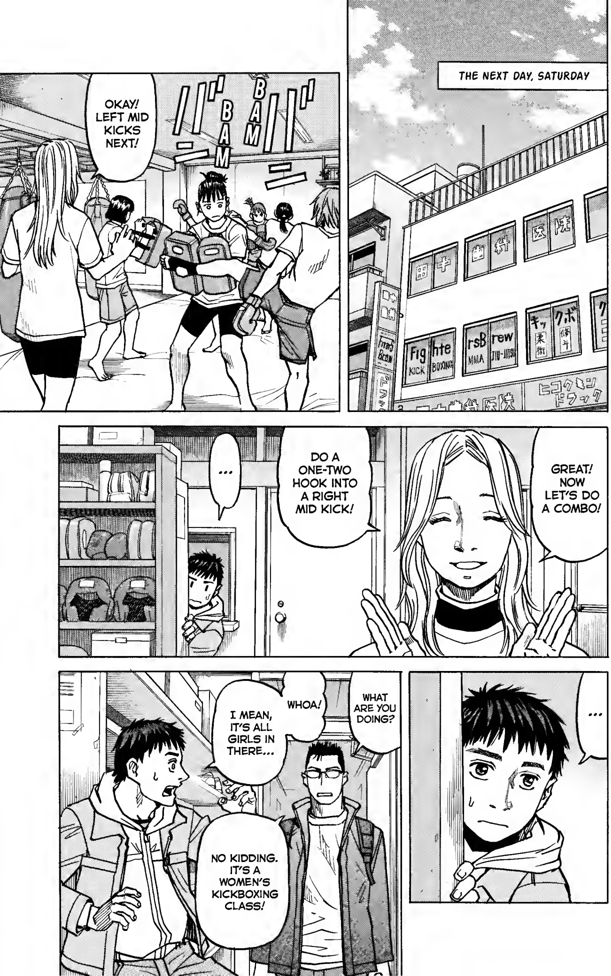

A RIGHT HOOK?!
DAMN!
SHE BLOCKED IT...
THUD
ダッ

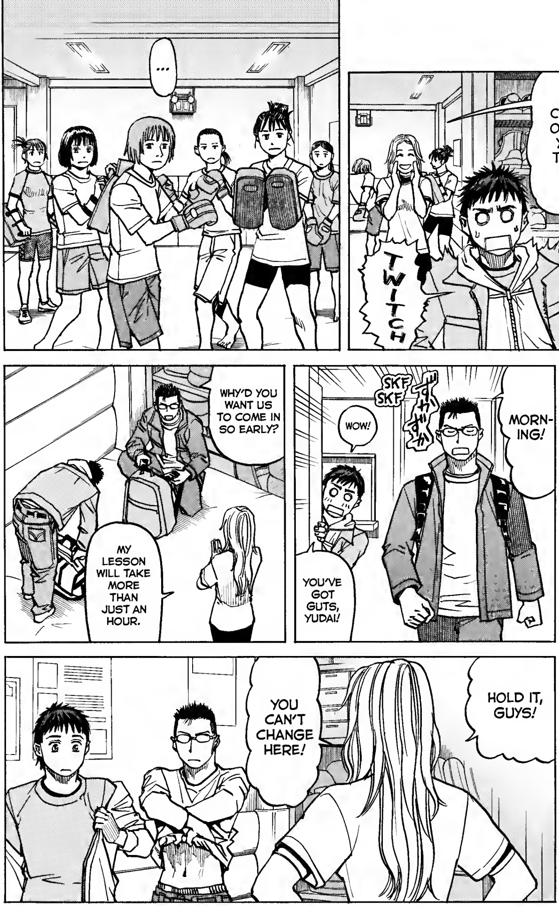

PHEW.
SNAP
ば
THAT WAS CLOSE!
WOOP ...
ふらあ
WOBBLE
!
SHE FELT THAT, MEGURU!
ATTACK!
HUH ?!
OKAY!
ダッ
DASH

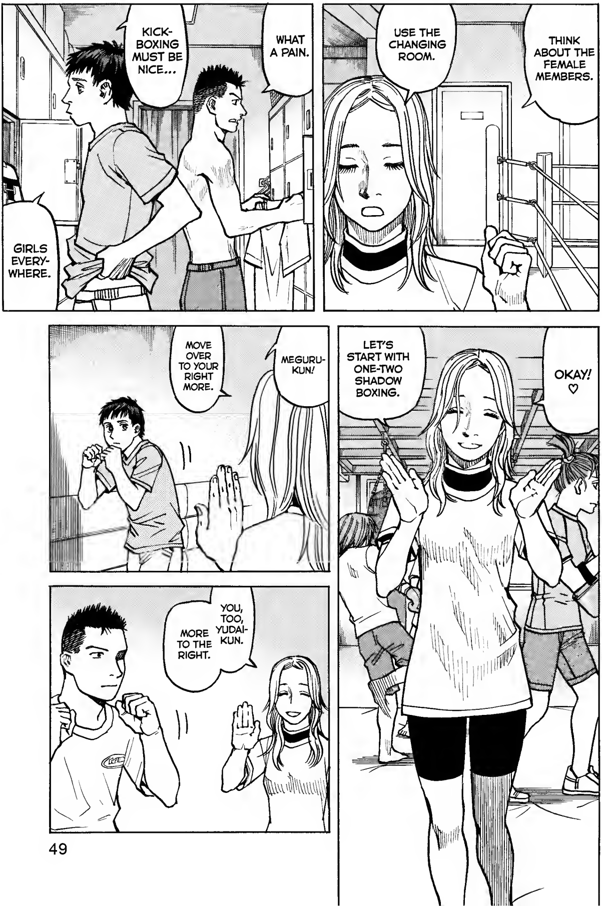

THUD
WHA!
BAM
FWOO
!

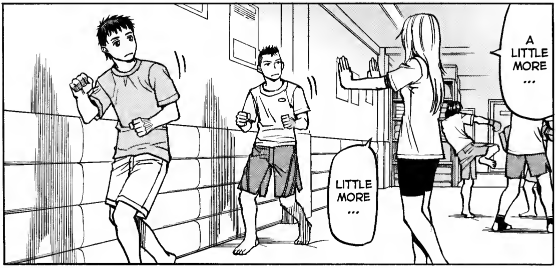

BAP BAP
ぱぱん
ぐ
WA-
ぱっ
BOOM
TURN
くるっ
YIKES!
THAT STARTLED ME! ♡
OOBLUH...
I THOUGHT SHE WAS YOUR TYPICAL BOXER,
BUT SHE HAS GREAT FRONT AND MIDDLE KICKS, TOO, HUH?
SHE'S GOT EXPERIENCE AS AN MMA FIGHTER.
SHE CENTERED HER STYLE AROUND STRIKING AFTER STUDYING A VARIETY OF SCHOOLS.

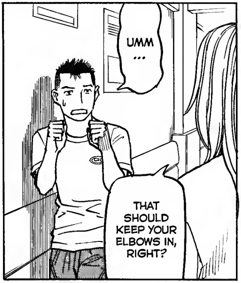

PHEW...
WHAT IT ALL COMES DOWN TO...
...IS HAVING A GOOD DEFENSE.
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE K.O.'D,
THEN YOU'D BETTER LISTEN TO WHAT MARIA HAS TO TEACH YOU.
COACH!
WHY DON'T YOU TEACH US?!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT MMA.
STRIKING IN KICKBOXING AND MMA ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT, AFTER ALL.
...
PLUS, I HAVE TO LOOK AFTER THE KICKBOXING PRACTICE.
I HAVE MY HANDS FULL AS IT IS.

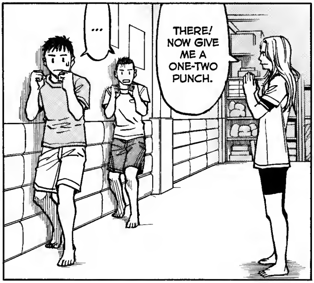

THE NEXT DAY, SATURDAY
Fighte KICK BOXING
rsB rew MMA JIU-JITSU
キック 柔術
クボ 修斗
OKAY! LEFT MID KICKS NEXT!
BAM
BAM
GREAT! NOW LET'S DO A COMBO!
DO A ONE-TWO HOOK INTO A RIGHT MID KICK!
...
...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHOA!
I MEAN, IT'S ALL GIRLS IN THERE...
NO KIDDING. IT'S A WOMEN'S KICKBOXING CLASS!

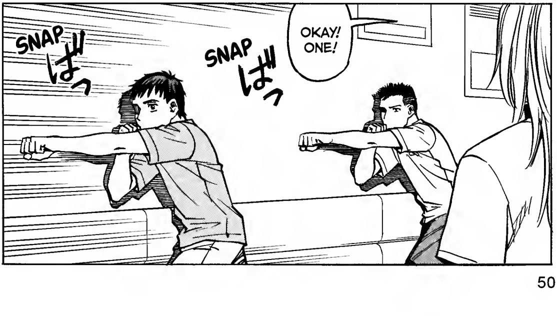

COME ON IN, YOU TWO! ♡
TWITCH
...
MORNING!
SKF SKF
ずかずか
WOW!
YOU'VE GOT GUTS, YUDAI!
WHY'D YOU WANT US TO COME IN SO EARLY?
MY LESSON WILL TAKE MORE THAN JUST AN HOUR.
HOLD IT, GUYS!
YOU CAN'T CHANGE HERE!

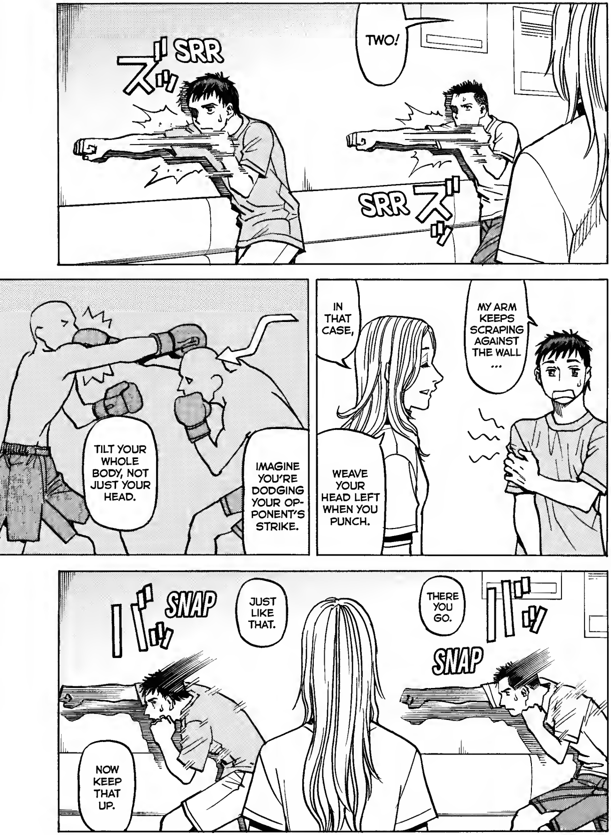

THINK ABOUT THE FEMALE MEMBERS.
USE THE CHANGING ROOM.
WHAT A PAIN.
KICK-BOXING MUST BE NICE...
GIRLS EVERY-WHERE.
OKAY! ♡
LET'S START WITH ONE-TWO SHADOW BOXING.
MEGURU-KUN!
MOVE OVER TO YOUR RIGHT MORE.
YOU, TOO, YUDAI-KUN.
MORE TO THE RIGHT.

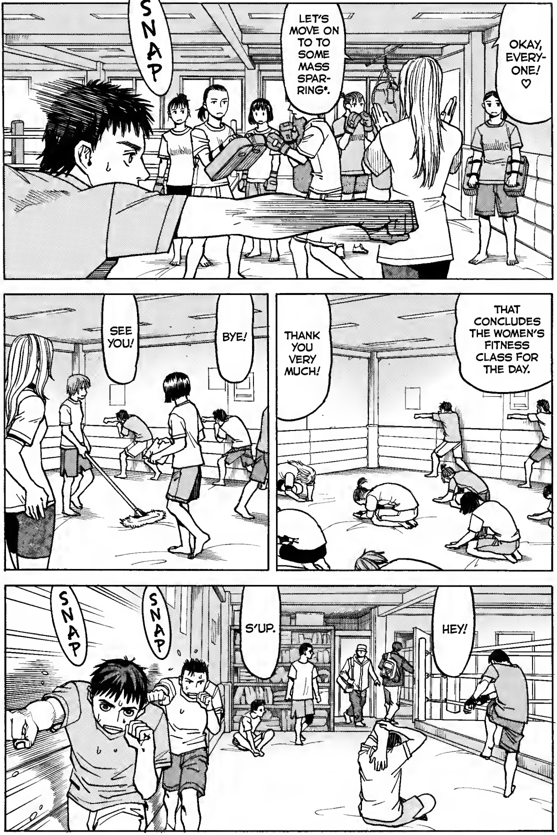

A LITTLE MORE…
LITTLE MORE…


UMM…
THAT SHOULD KEEP YOUR ELBOWS IN, RIGHT?

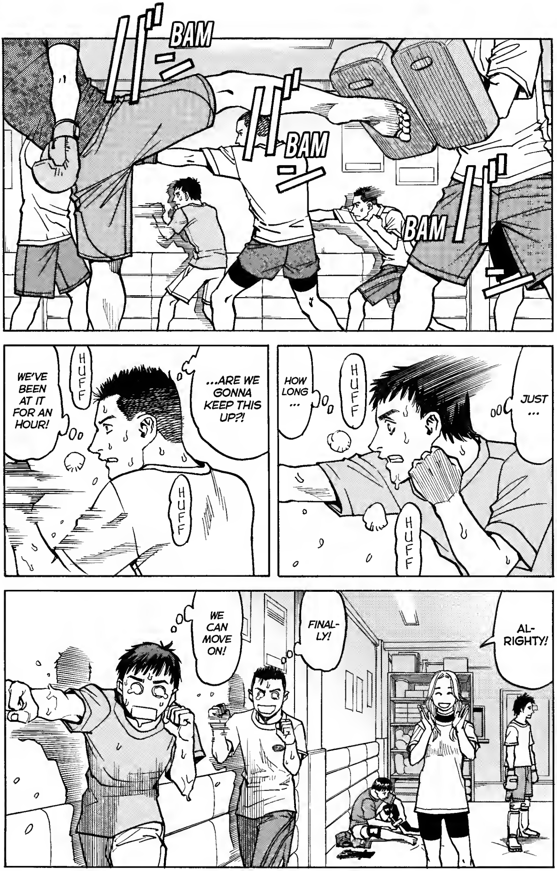

…
THERE! NOW GIVE ME A ONE-TWO PUNCH.

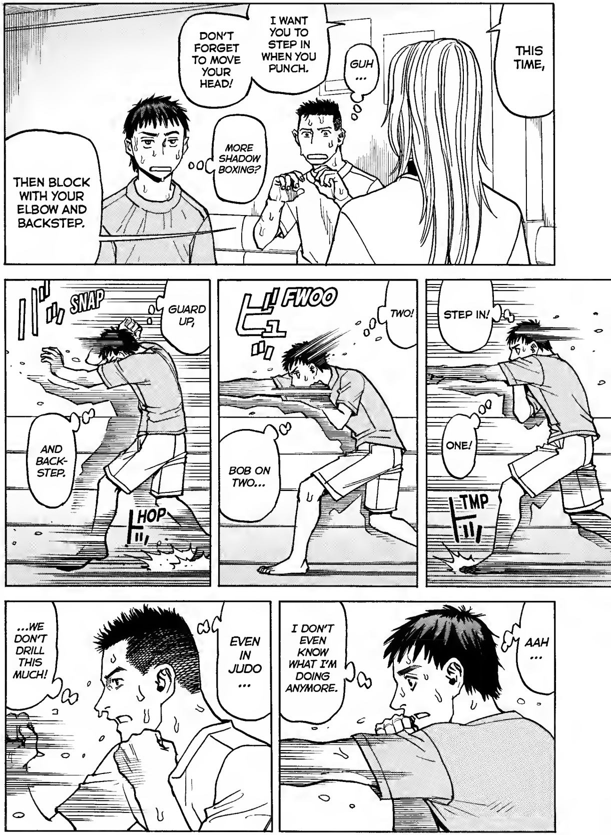

OKAY! ONE!
SNAP ぱっ
SNAP ぱっ

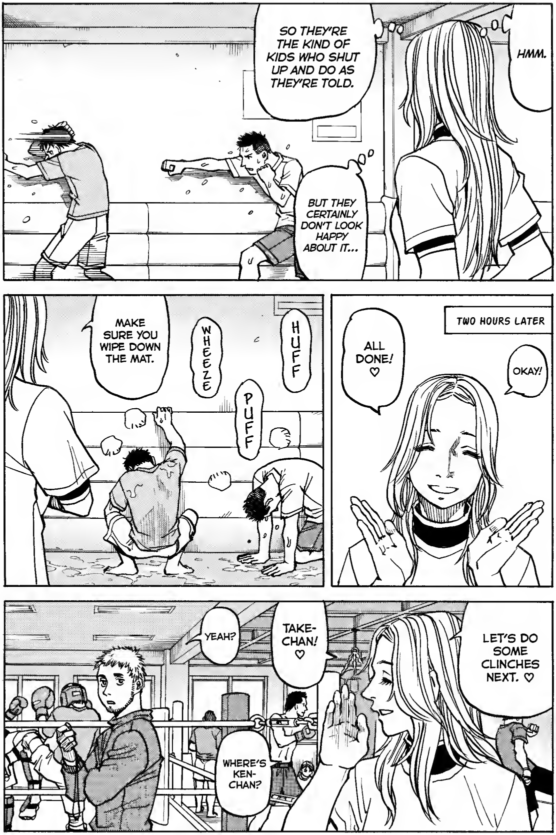

TWO!
SRR
ズッ
SRR
ズッ
MY ARM KEEPS SCRAPING AGAINST THE WALL ...
IN THAT CASE,
WEAVE YOUR HEAD LEFT WHEN YOU PUNCH.
IMAGINE YOU'RE DODGING YOUR OPPONENT'S STRIKE.
TILT YOUR WHOLE BODY, NOT JUST YOUR HEAD.
THERE YOU GO.
バッ
SNAP
JUST LIKE THAT.
バッ
SNAP
NOW KEEP THAT UP.

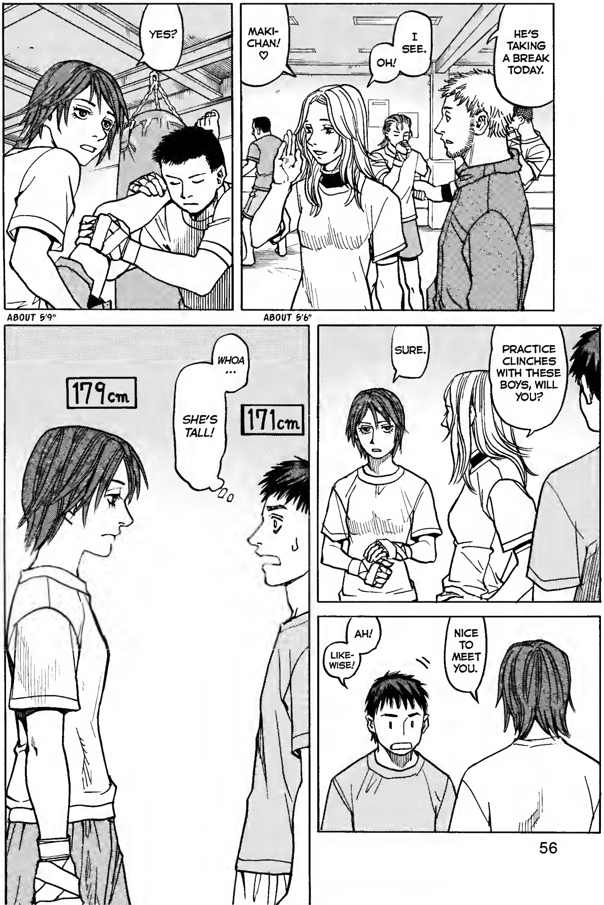

OKAY, EVERYONE! ♡
LET'S MOVE ON TO TO SOME MASS SPARRING*.
SNAP
THAT CONCLUDES THE WOMEN'S FITNESS CLASS FOR THE DAY.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
BYE!
SEE YOU!
HEY!
S'UP.
SNAP
SNAP

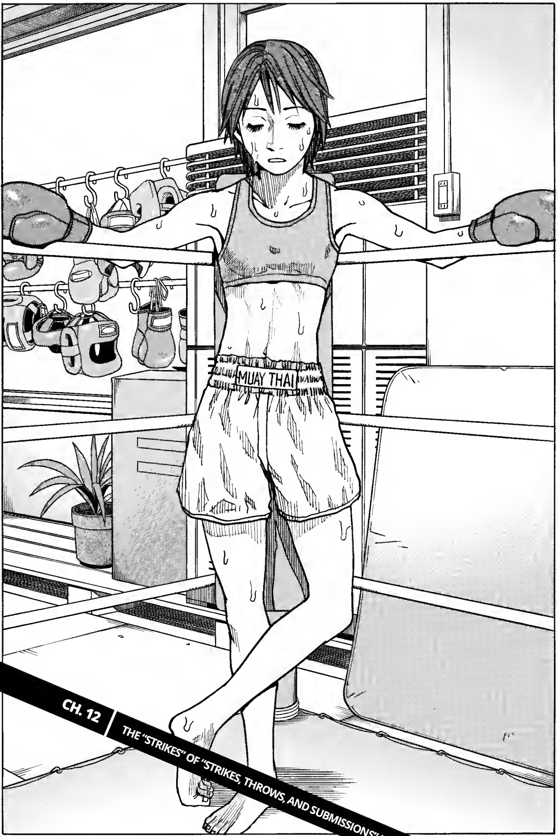
*MASS SPARRING: SPARRING MEANT TO SIMULATE AN ACTUAL MATCH IN TERMS OF SPEED, COMBINATIONS AND DEFENSE WHILE CUTTING BACK ON POWER.


BAM
BAM
BAM
JUST ...
HUFF
HOW LONG ...
HUFF
...ARE WE GONNA KEEP THIS UP?!
HUFF
WE'VE BEEN AT IT FOR AN HOUR!
HUFF
ALRIGHTY!
FINALLY!
WE CAN MOVE ON!


THIS TIME,
I WANT YOU TO STEP IN WHEN YOU PUNCH.
GUH ...
DON'T FORGET TO MOVE YOUR HEAD!
MORE SHADOW BOXING?
THEN BLOCK WITH YOUR ELBOW AND BACKSTEP.
STEP IN!
ONE!
TMP
TWO!
FWOO
BOB ON TWO...
GUARD UP,
SNAP
AND BACK-STEP.
HOP
AAH ...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT I'M DOING ANYMORE.
EVEN IN JUDO ...
...WE DON'T DRILL THIS MUCH!


HMM.
SO THEY'RE THE KIND OF KIDS WHO SHUT UP AND DO AS THEY'RE TOLD.
BUT THEY CERTAINLY DON'T LOOK HAPPY ABOUT IT...
TWO HOURS LATER
ALL DONE! ♡
OKAY!
HUFF
PUFF
WHEEZE
MAKE SURE YOU WIPE DOWN THE MAT.
LET'S DO SOME CLINCHES NEXT. ♡
TAKE-CHAN! ♡
YEAH?
WHERE'S KEN-CHAN?


HE'S TAKING A BREAK TODAY.
I SEE.
OH!
MAKI-CHAN! ♡
ABOUT 5'6"
YES?
ABOUT 5'9"
PRACTICE CLINCHES WITH THESE BOYS, WILL YOU?
SURE.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
AH!
LIKE-WISE!
WHOA...
SHE'S TALL!
171cm
179cm



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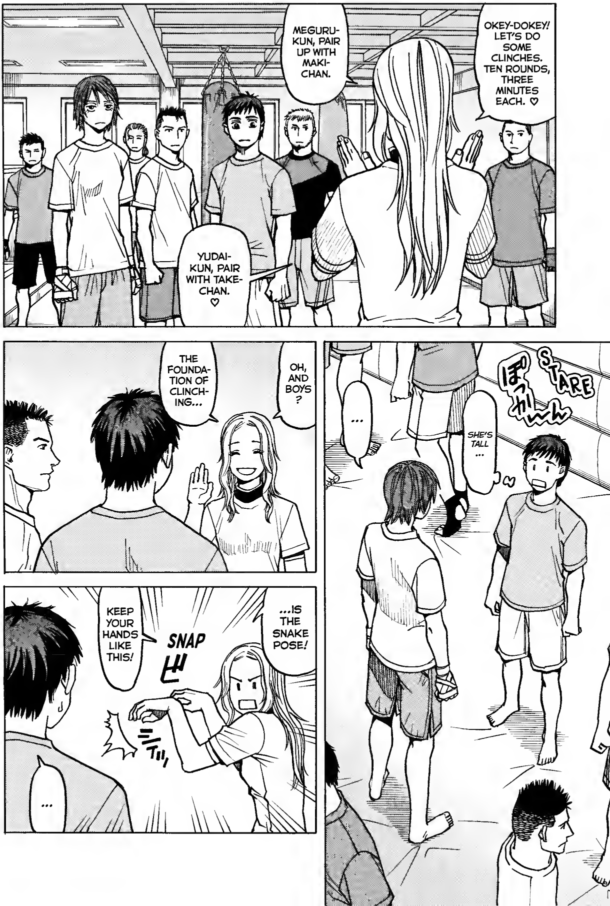
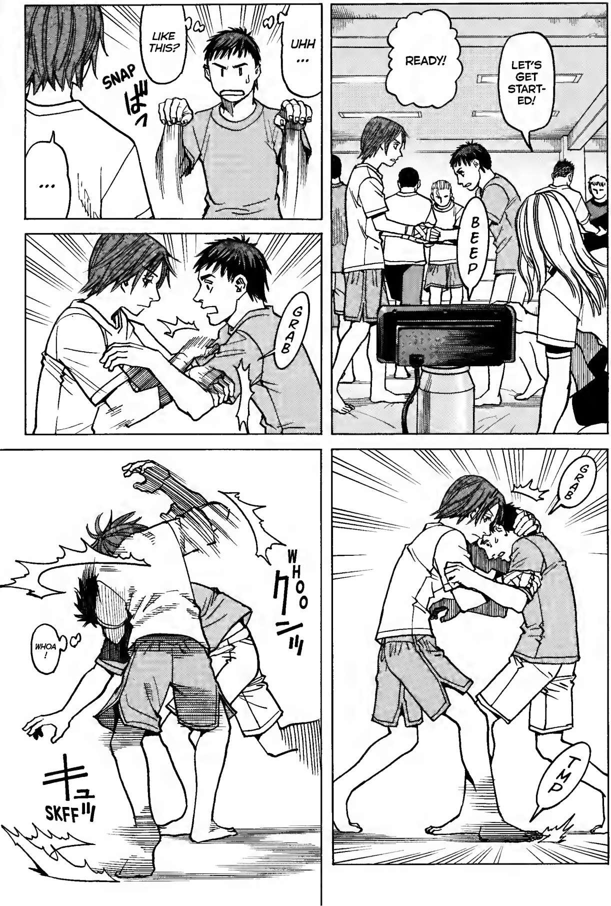
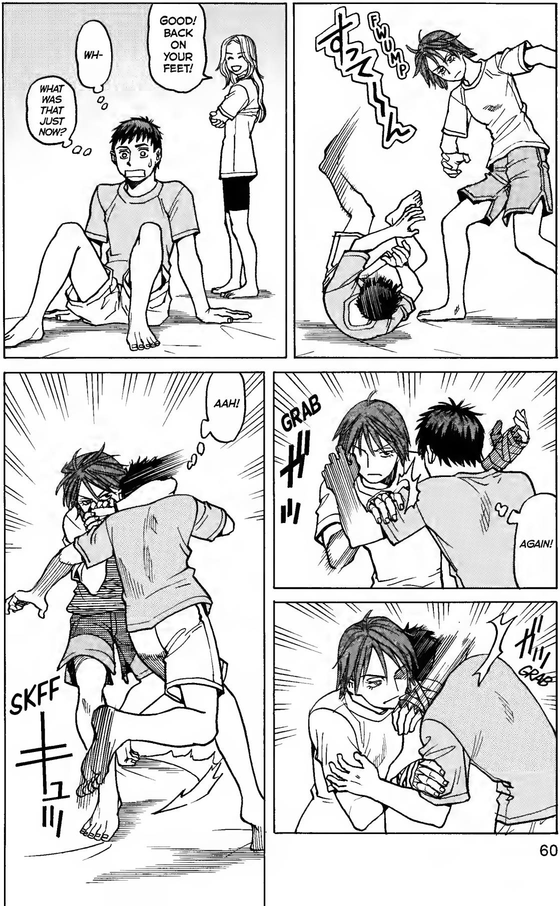
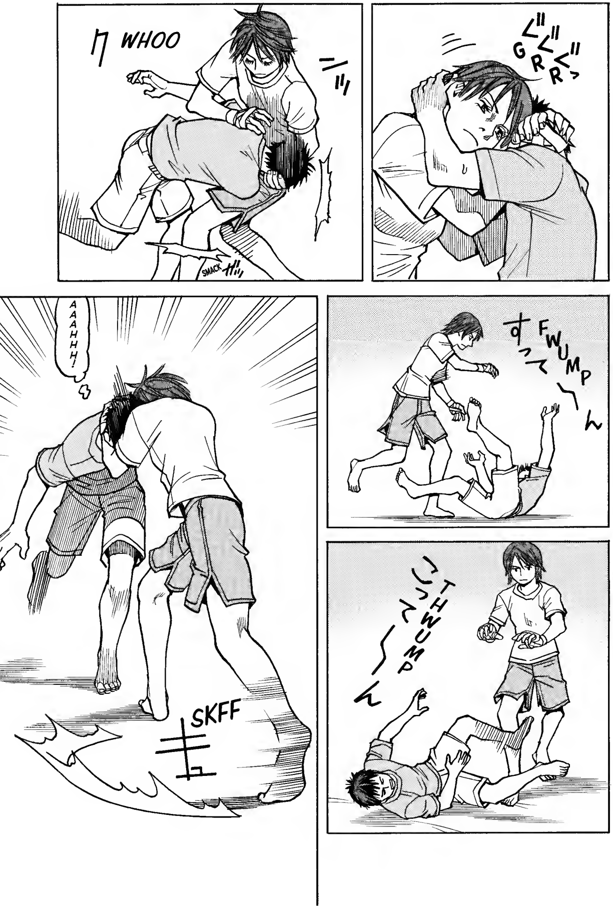
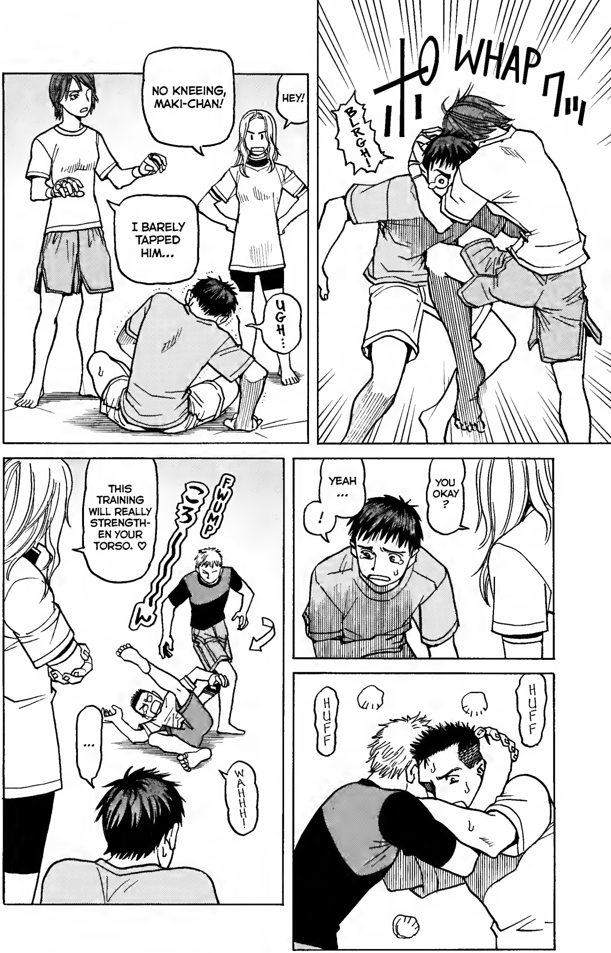
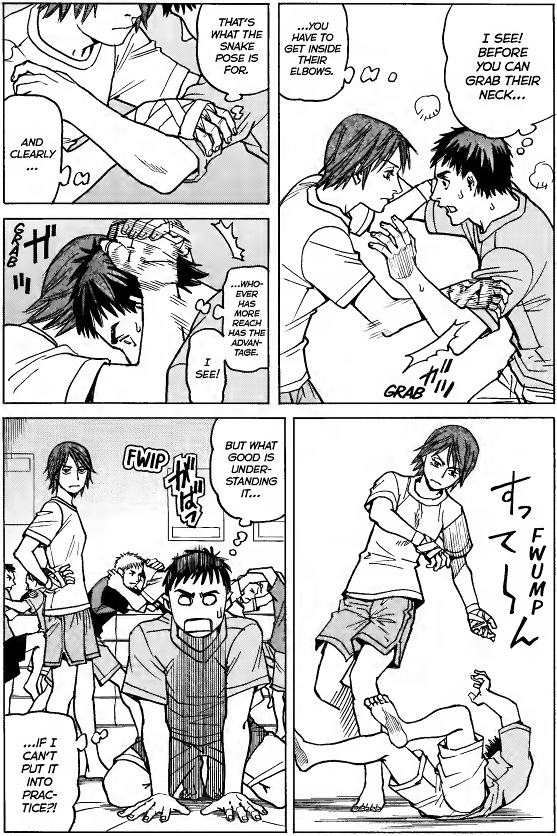

OKEY-DOKEY! LET'S DO SOME CLINCHES. TEN ROUNDS, THREE MINUTES EACH. ♡
MEGURU-KUN, PAIR UP WITH MAKI-CHAN.
YUDAI-KUN, PAIR WITH TAKE-CHAN. ♡
STARE
ぽっかーん
SHE'S TALL...
...
OH, AND BOYS?
THE FOUNDATION OF CLINCHING...
...IS THE SNAKE POSE!
SNAP
ビ
KEEP YOUR HANDS LIKE THIS!
ニュッ
...

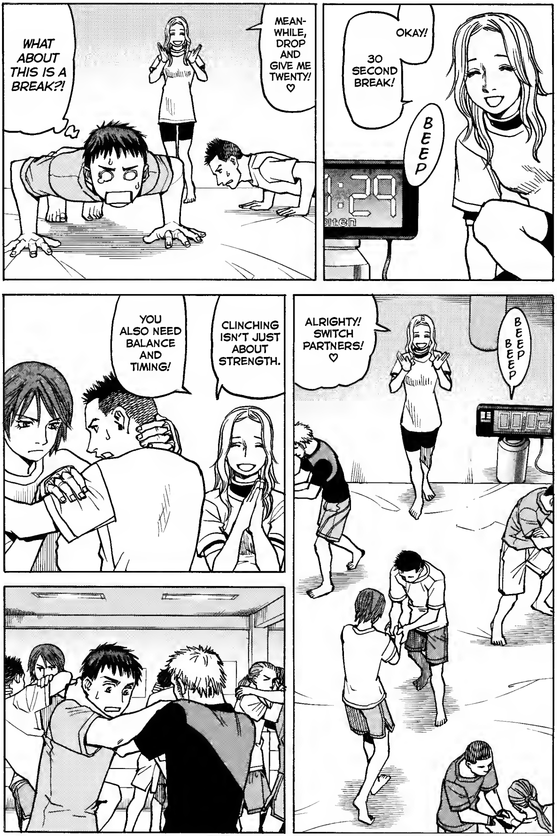

LET'S GET STARTED!
READY!
BEEP
UHH ...
LIKE THIS?
SNAP
ばっ
...
GRAB
GRAB
TMP
WHOO
クーッ
WHOA!
キュッ
SKFF

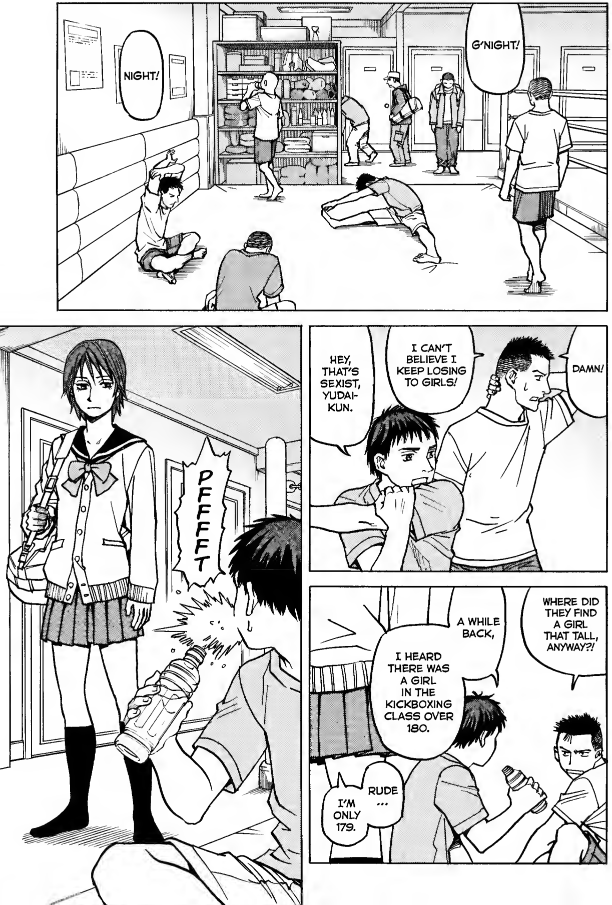

すってーーん
FWUMP
GOOD! BACK ON YOUR FEET!
WH-
WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?
AGAIN!
ガッ
GRAB
ガッ
GRAB
AAH!
キュッ
SKFF

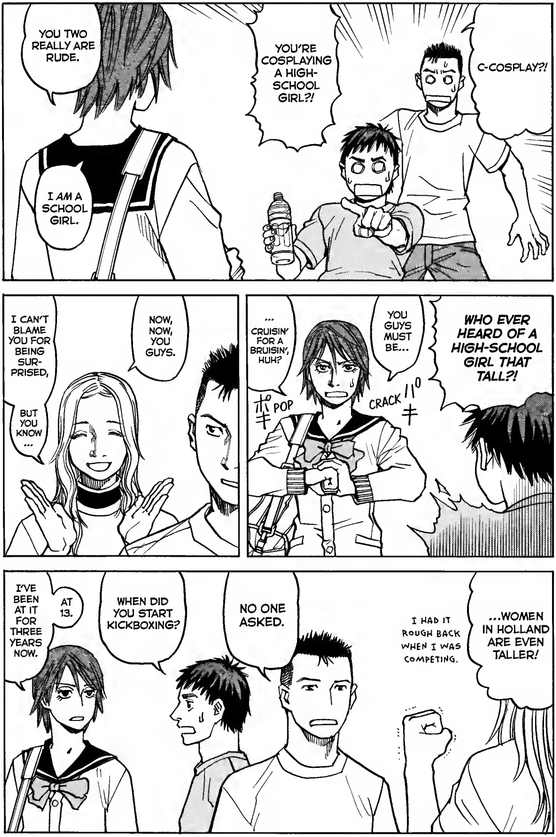

ググググ GRR R
ハ WHOO
ズ
SMACK ガッ
AAAHHH!
SKFF
キュ
すってーん FWUMP
こってーん THWUMP

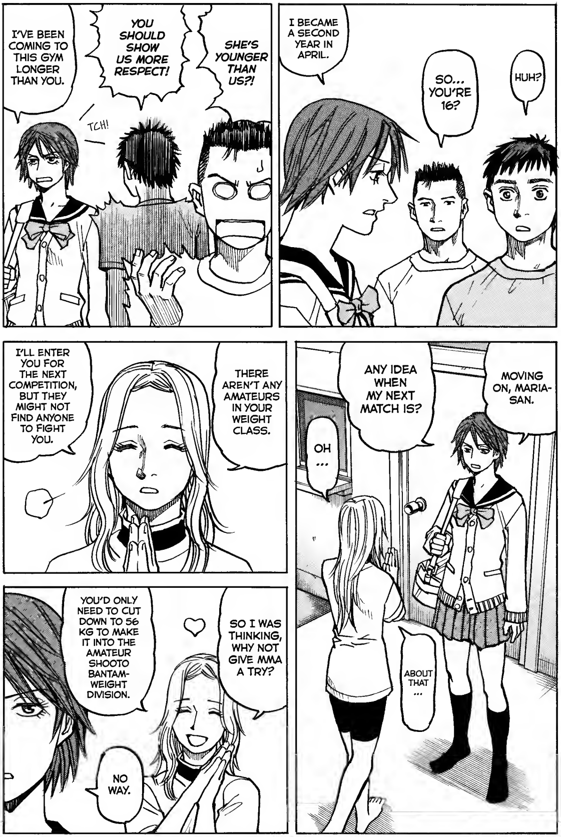

WHAP
BLRGH!
HEY!
NO KNEEING, MAKI-CHAN!
I BARELY TAPPED HIM...
UGH...
YOU OKAY?
YEAH...
!
THIS TRAINING WILL REALLY STRENGTHEN YOUR TORSO. ♡
FWUMP
...
WAHHH!
HUFF
HUFF

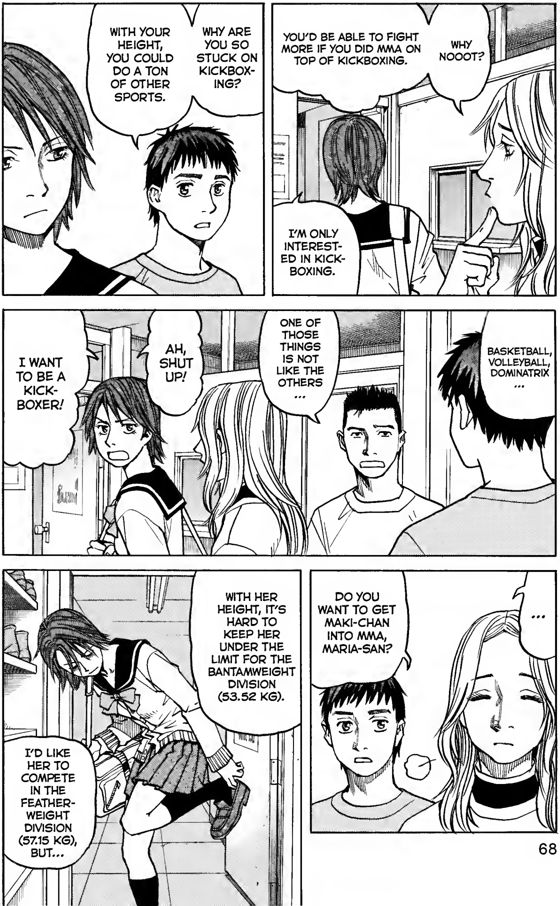

I SEE! BEFORE YOU CAN GRAB THEIR NECK...
...YOU HAVE TO GET INSIDE THEIR ELBOWS.
GRAB ガッ
THAT'S WHAT THE SNAKE POSE IS FOR.
AND CLEARLY...
GRAB ガッ
...WHOEVER HAS MORE REACH HAS THE ADVANTAGE.
I SEE!
すってーん FWUMP
BUT WHAT GOOD IS UNDERSTANDING IT...
FWIP がばっ
...IF I CAN'T PUT IT INTO PRACTICE?!

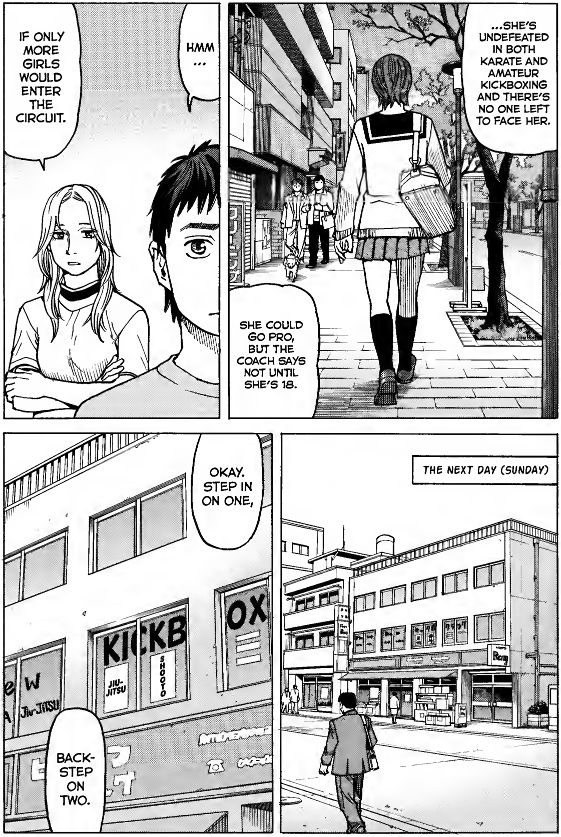

OKAY!
30 SECOND BREAK!
BEEP
MEAN-WHILE, DROP AND GIVE ME TWENTY! ♡
WHAT ABOUT THIS IS A BREAK?!
ALRIGHTY! SWITCH PARTNERS! ♡
BEEP BEEP
CLINCHING ISN'T JUST ABOUT STRENGTH.
YOU ALSO NEED BALANCE AND TIMING!

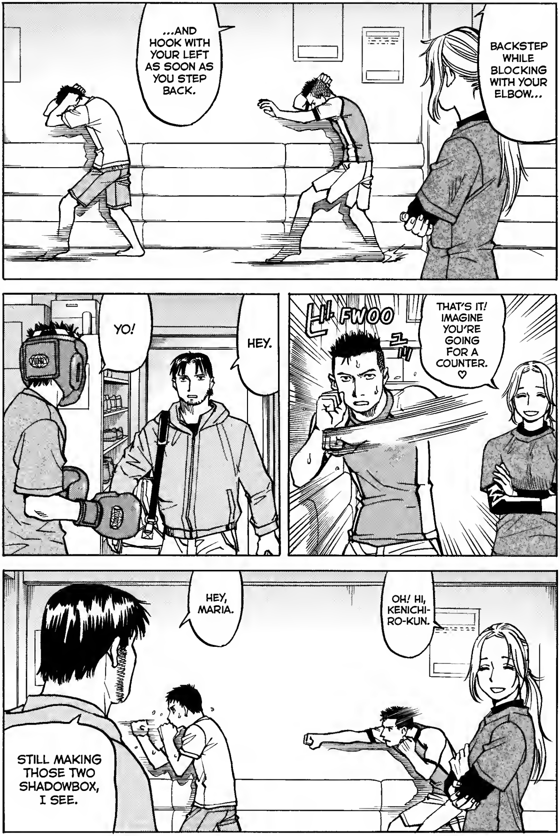

G'NIGHT!
NIGHT!
DAMN!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I KEEP LOSING TO GIRLS!
HEY, THAT'S SEXIST, YUDAI-KUN.
WHERE DID THEY FIND A GIRL THAT TALL, ANYWAY?!
A WHILE BACK,
I HEARD THERE WAS A GIRL IN THE KICKBOXING CLASS OVER 180.
PFFFFT
RUDE...
I'M ONLY 179.

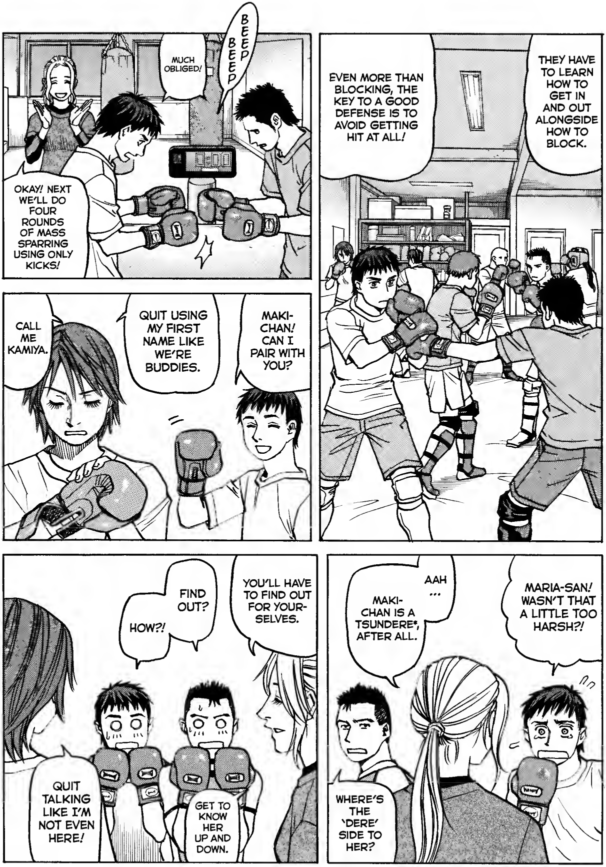

C-COSPLAY?!
YOU'RE COSPLAYING A HIGH-SCHOOL GIRL?!
YOU TWO REALLY ARE RUDE.
I *AM* A SCHOOL GIRL.
WHO EVER HEARD OF A HIGH-SCHOOL GIRL THAT TALL?!
YOU GUYS MUST BE...
... CRUISIN' FOR A BRUISIN', HUH?
ポキ POP
CRACK パキ
NOW, NOW, YOU GUYS.
I CAN'T BLAME YOU FOR BEING SURPRISED,
BUT YOU KNOW...
...WOMEN IN HOLLAND ARE EVEN TALLER*!*
I HAD IT ROUGH BACK WHEN I WAS COMPETING.
NO ONE ASKED.
WHEN DID YOU START KICKBOXING?
AT 13.
I'VE BEEN AT IT FOR THREE YEARS NOW.


HUH?
SO... YOU'RE 16?
I BECAME A SECOND YEAR IN APRIL.
SHE'S YOUNGER THAN US?!
YOU SHOULD SHOW US MORE RESPECT!
I'VE BEEN COMING TO THIS GYM LONGER THAN YOU.
TCH!
MOVING ON, MARIA-SAN.
ANY IDEA WHEN MY NEXT MATCH IS?
OH ...
ABOUT THAT ...
THERE AREN'T ANY AMATEURS IN YOUR WEIGHT CLASS.
I'LL ENTER YOU FOR THE NEXT COMPETITION, BUT THEY MIGHT NOT FIND ANYONE TO FIGHT YOU.
SO I WAS THINKING, WHY NOT GIVE MMA A TRY?
YOU'D ONLY NEED TO CUT DOWN TO 56 KG TO MAKE IT INTO THE AMATEUR SHOOTO BANTAM-WEIGHT DIVISION.
NO WAY.

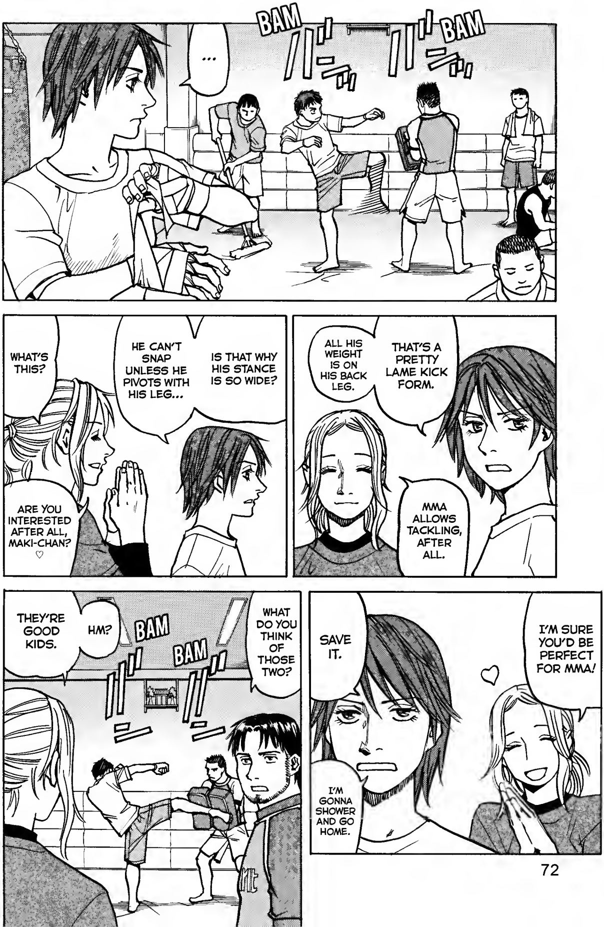

WHY NOOOT?
YOU'D BE ABLE TO FIGHT MORE IF YOU DID MMA ON TOP OF KICKBOXING.
I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN KICKBOXING.
WHY ARE YOU SO STUCK ON KICKBOXING?
WITH YOUR HEIGHT, YOU COULD DO A TON OF OTHER SPORTS.
BASKETBALL, VOLLEYBALL, DOMINATRIX ...
ONE OF THOSE THINGS IS NOT LIKE THE OTHERS ...
AH, SHUT UP!
I WANT TO BE A KICKBOXER!
...
DO YOU WANT TO GET MAKI-CHAN INTO MMA, MARIA-SAN?
WITH HER HEIGHT, IT'S HARD TO KEEP HER UNDER THE LIMIT FOR THE BANTAMWEIGHT DIVISION (53.52 KG).
I'D LIKE HER TO COMPETE IN THE FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION (57.15 KG), BUT...

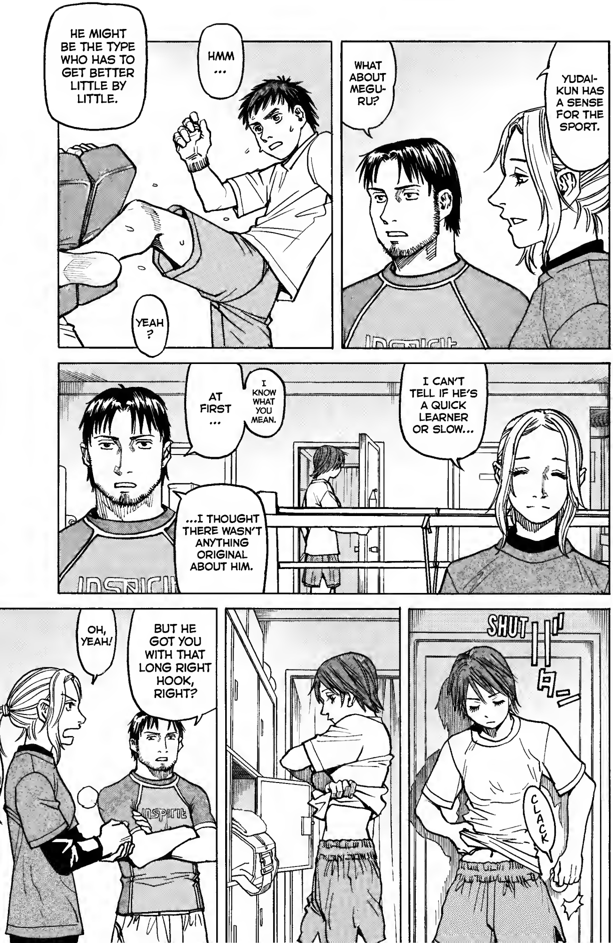

...SHE'S UNDEFEATED IN BOTH KARATE AND AMATEUR KICKBOXING AND THERE'S NO ONE LEFT TO FACE HER.
SHE COULD GO PRO, BUT THE COACH SAYS NOT UNTIL SHE'S 18.
HMM ...
IF ONLY MORE GIRLS WOULD ENTER THE CIRCUIT.
THE NEXT DAY (SUNDAY)
OKAY. STEP IN ON ONE,
BACK-STEP ON TWO.
KICKB
OX
JIU-JITSU
SHOOTO
Jiu-JITSU

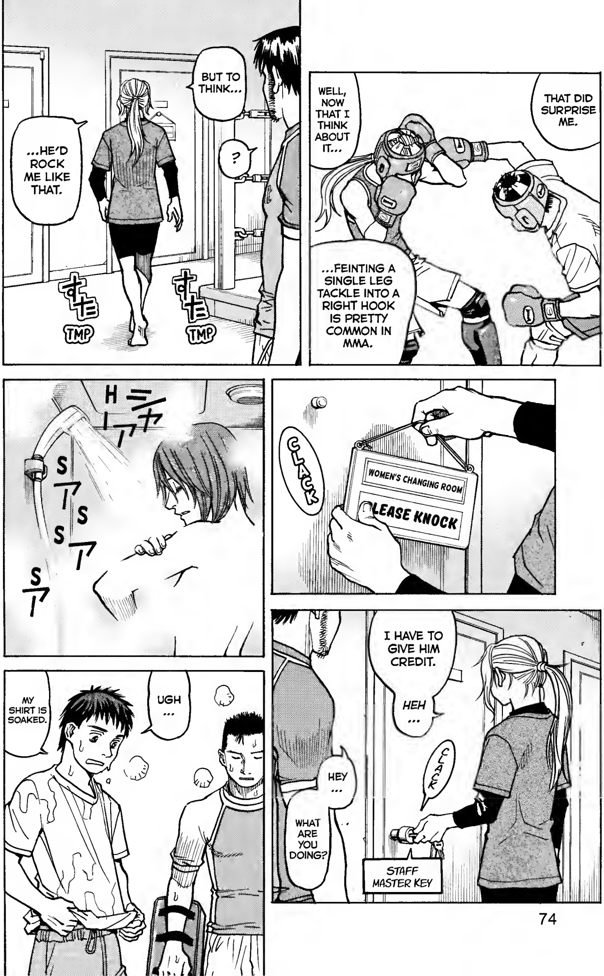

BACKSTEP WHILE BLOCKING WITH YOUR ELBOW...
...AND HOOK WITH YOUR LEFT AS SOON AS YOU STEP BACK.
THAT'S IT! IMAGINE YOU'RE GOING FOR A COUNTER. ♡
FWOO
HEY.
YO!
OH! HI, KENICHIRO-KUN.
HEY, MARIA.
STILL MAKING THOSE TWO SHADOWBOX, I SEE.

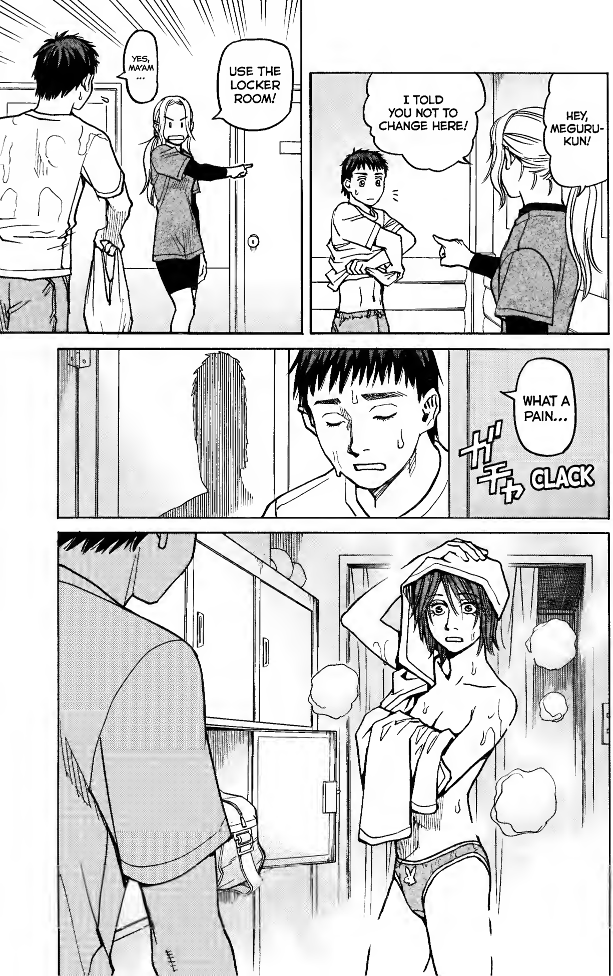

THEY HAVE TO LEARN HOW TO GET IN AND OUT ALONGSIDE HOW TO BLOCK.
EVEN MORE THAN BLOCKING, THE KEY TO A GOOD DEFENSE IS TO AVOID GETTING HIT AT ALL!
BEEP BEEP
MUCH OBLIGED!
OKAY! NEXT WE'LL DO FOUR ROUNDS OF MASS SPARRING USING ONLY KICKS!
MAKI-CHAN! CAN I PAIR WITH YOU?
QUIT USING MY FIRST NAME LIKE WE'RE BUDDIES.
CALL ME KAMIYA.
MARIA-SAN! WASN'T THAT A LITTLE TOO HARSH?!
AAH ... MAKI-CHAN IS A TSUNDERE*, AFTER ALL.
WHERE'S THE 'DERE' SIDE TO HER?
YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND OUT FOR YOURSELVES.
FIND OUT? HOW?!
GET TO KNOW HER UP AND DOWN.
QUIT TALKING LIKE I'M NOT EVEN HERE!

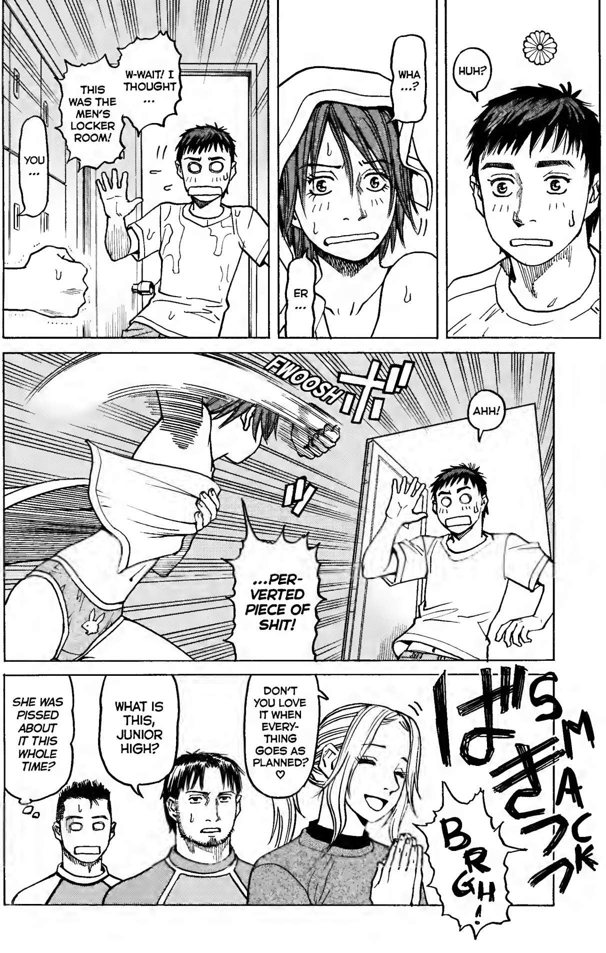
*TSUNDERE: A WORD COMBINING SOUR (TSUN) AND SWEET (DERE) TO MEAN A CHARACTER WHO IS MOSTLY UNFRIENDLY WITH OCCASIONAL MOMENTS OF TENDERNESS.


BAM
BAM
...
THAT'S A PRETTY LAME KICK FORM.
ALL HIS WEIGHT IS ON HIS BACK LEG.
MMA ALLOWS TACKLING, AFTER ALL.
IS THAT WHY HIS STANCE IS SO WIDE?
HE CAN'T SNAP UNLESS HE PIVOTS WITH HIS LEG...
WHAT'S THIS?
ARE YOU INTERESTED AFTER ALL, MAKI-CHAN? ♡
I'M SURE YOU'D BE PERFECT FOR MMA! ♡
SAVE IT.
I'M GONNA SHOWER AND GO HOME.
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THOSE TWO?
BAM
BAM
HM?
THEY'RE GOOD KIDS.


YUDAI-KUN HAS A SENSE FOR THE SPORT.
WHAT ABOUT MEGU-RU?
HMM ...
HE MIGHT BE THE TYPE WHO HAS TO GET BETTER LITTLE BY LITTLE.
YEAH ?
I CAN'T TELL IF HE'S A QUICK LEARNER OR SLOW...
I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
AT FIRST ...
...I THOUGHT THERE WASN'T ANYTHING ORIGINAL ABOUT HIM.
SHUT
CLACK
BUT HE GOT YOU WITH THAT LONG RIGHT HOOK, RIGHT?
OH, YEAH!


BUT TO THINK...
?
...HE'D ROCK ME LIKE THAT.
すた TMP
すた TMP
THAT DID SURPRISE ME.
WELL, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...
...FEINTING A SINGLE LEG TACKLE INTO A RIGHT HOOK IS PRETTY COMMON IN MMA.
CLACK
WOMEN'S CHANGING ROOM
PLEASE KNOCK
Hシャア
Sア
Sア
Sア
Sア
I HAVE TO GIVE HIM CREDIT.
HEH...
CLACK
HEY...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
STAFF MASTER KEY
UGH...
MY SHIRT IS SOAKED.


HEY, MEGURU-KUN!
I TOLD YOU NOT TO CHANGE HERE!
USE THE LOCKER ROOM!
YES, MA'AM ...
WHAT A PAIN...
ガチャ
CLACK


HUH?
WHA ...?
ER ...
W-WAIT! I THOUGHT ...
THIS WAS THE MEN'S LOCKER ROOM!
YOU ...
FWOOSH
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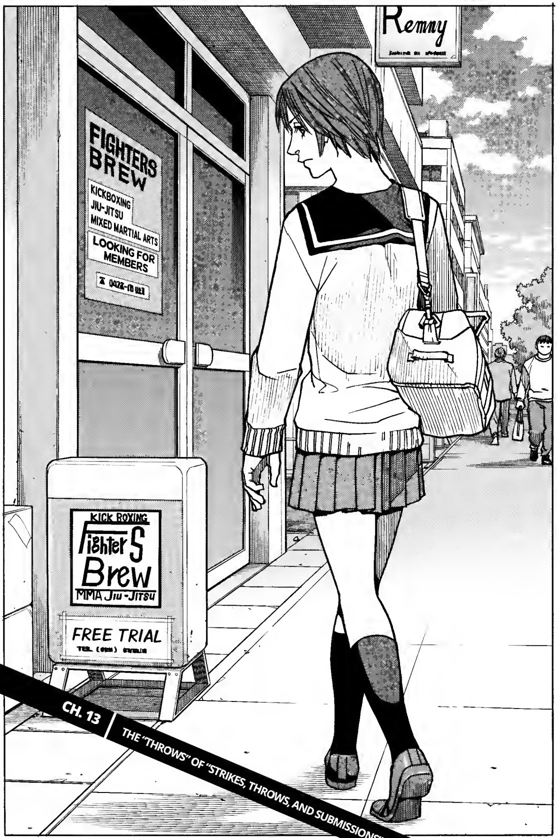
AHH!
...PER-VERTED PIECE OF SHIT!
ばきっ
SMACK
BRGH!
DON'T YOU LOVE IT WHEN EVERYTHING GOES AS PLANNED? ♡
WHAT IS THIS, JUNIOR HIGH?
SHE WAS PISSED ABOUT IT THIS WHOLE TIME?


Remmy
FIGHTERS BREW
KICKBOXING
JIU-JITSU
MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
LOOKING FOR MEMBERS
KICK BOXING
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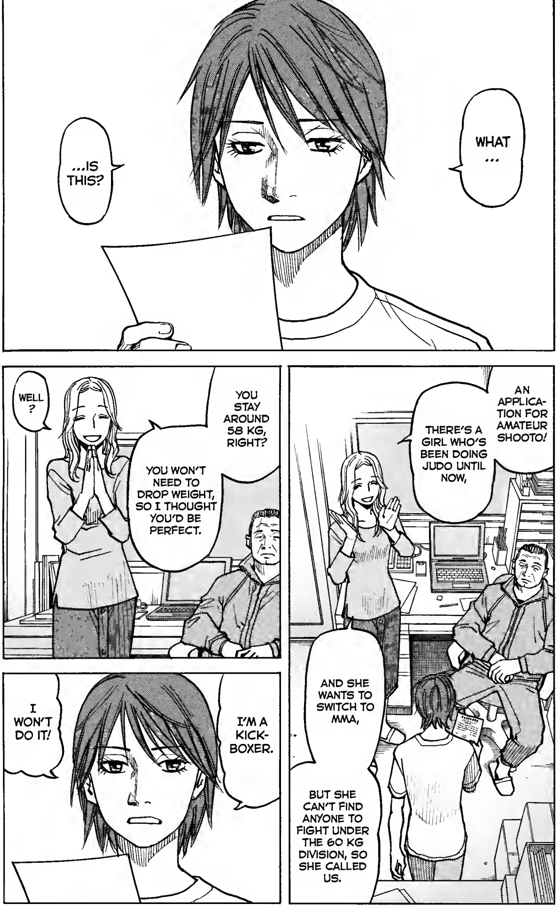
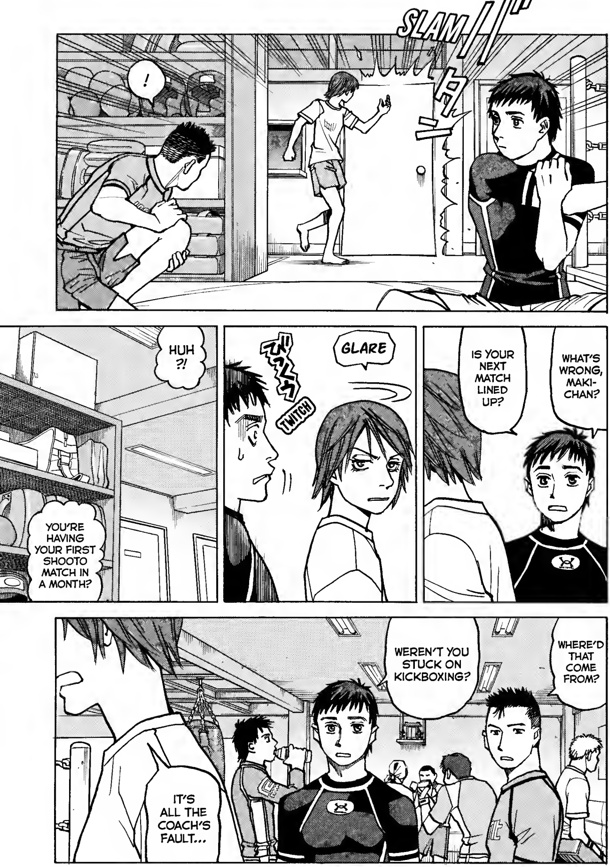
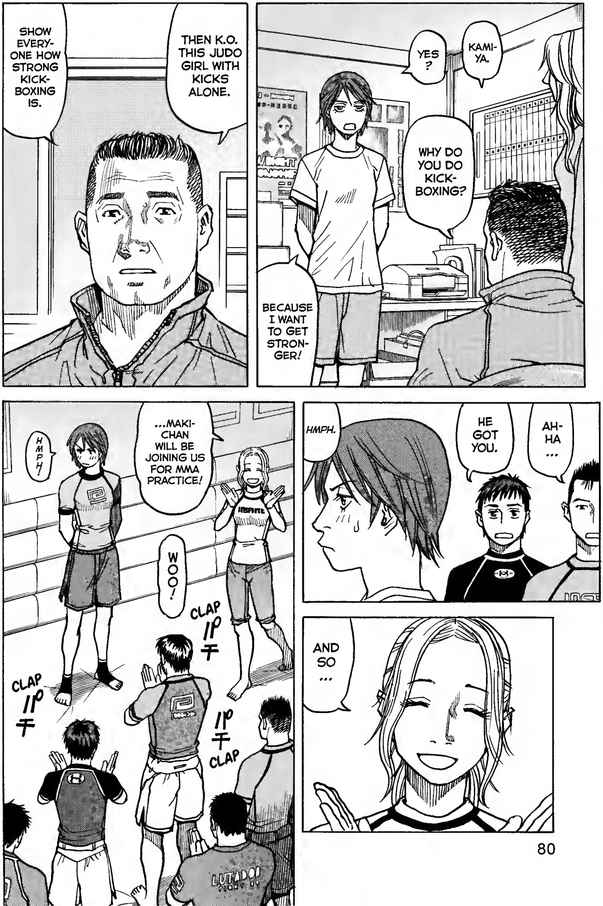
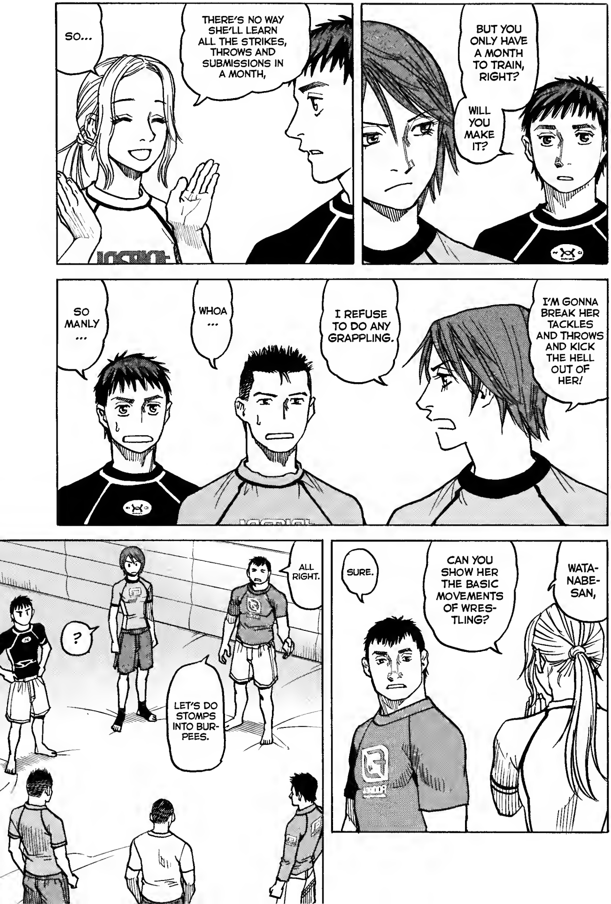
MMA Jiu-Jitsu
FREE TRIAL

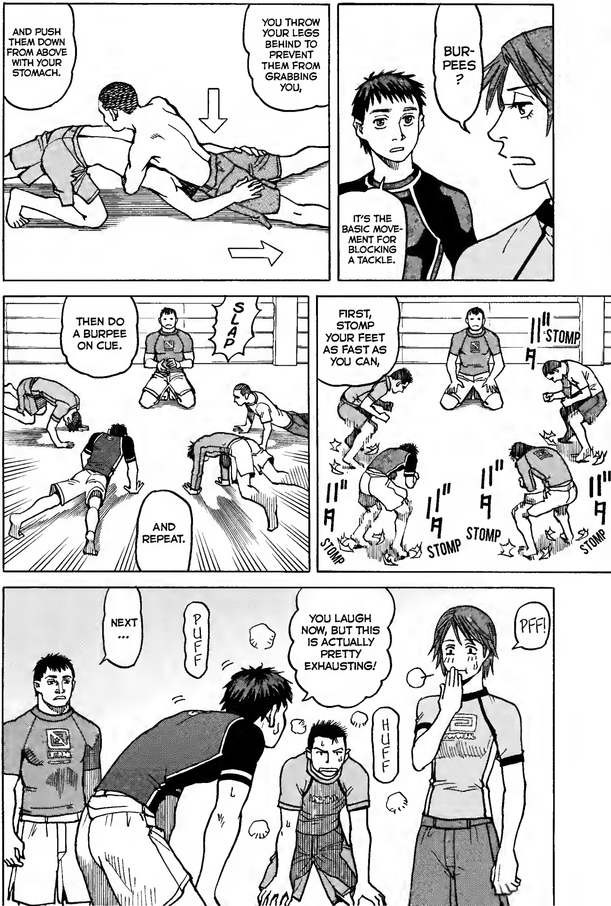
CH. 13 | THE "THROWS" OF "STRIKES, THROWS, AND SUBMISSIONS"

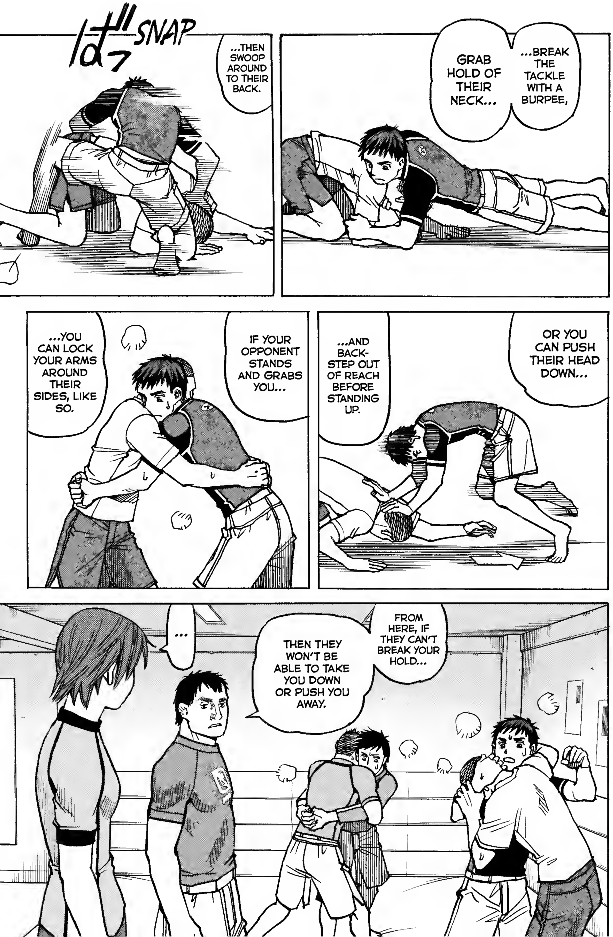

WHAT …
…IS THIS?
AN APPLICATION FOR AMATEUR SHOOTO!
THERE'S A GIRL WHO'S BEEN DOING JUDO UNTIL NOW,
AND SHE WANTS TO SWITCH TO MMA,
BUT SHE CAN'T FIND ANYONE TO FIGHT UNDER THE 60 KG DIVISION, SO SHE CALLED US.
YOU STAY AROUND 58 KG, RIGHT?
YOU WON'T NEED TO DROP WEIGHT, SO I THOUGHT YOU'D BE PERFECT.
WELL?
I'M A KICKBOXER.
I WON'T DO IT!

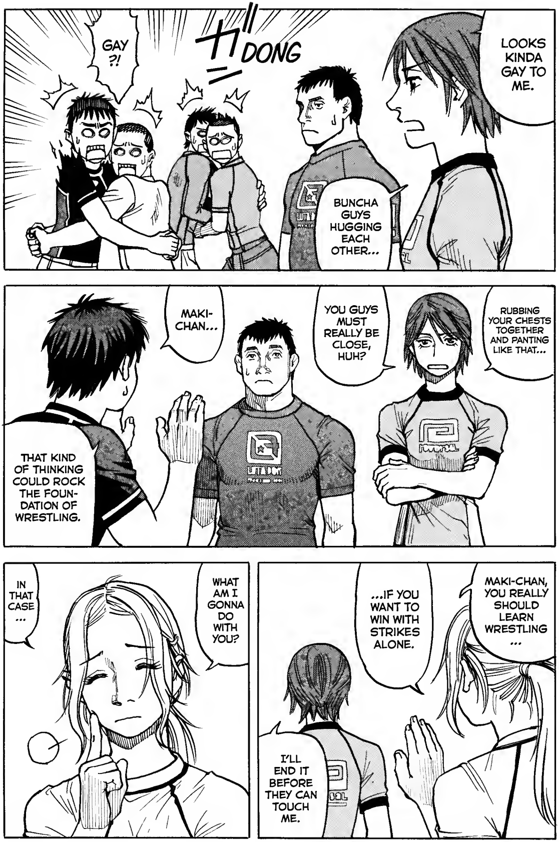

SLAM
!
WHAT'S WRONG, MAKI-CHAN?
IS YOUR NEXT MATCH LINED UP?
GLARE
TWITCH
HUH?!
YOU'RE HAVING YOUR FIRST SHOOTO MATCH IN A MONTH?
WHERE'D THAT COME FROM?
WEREN'T YOU STUCK ON KICKBOXING?
IT'S ALL THE COACH'S FAULT...

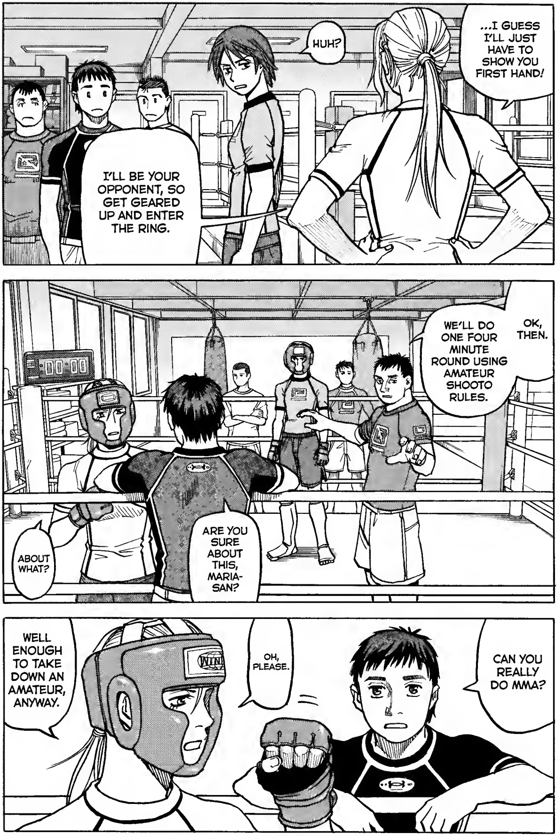

KAMIYA.
YES?
WHY DO YOU DO KICKBOXING?
BECAUSE I WANT TO GET STRONGER!
THEN K.O. THIS JUDO GIRL WITH KICKS ALONE.
SHOW EVERYONE HOW STRONG KICKBOXING IS.
AH-HA...
HE GOT YOU.
HMPH.
AND SO...
...MAKI-CHAN WILL BE JOINING US FOR MMA PRACTICE!
HMPH!
WOO!
CLAP
CLAP
CLAP
INSANE
LUTADOR

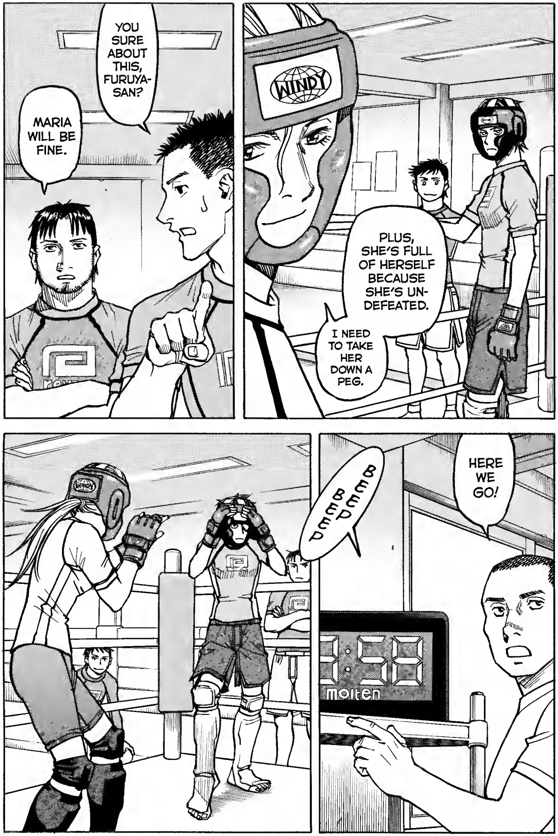

BUT YOU ONLY HAVE A MONTH TO TRAIN, RIGHT?
WILL YOU MAKE IT?
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'LL LEARN ALL THE STRIKES, THROWS AND SUBMISSIONS IN A MONTH,
SO...
I'M GONNA BREAK HER TACKLES AND THROWS AND KICK THE HELL OUT OF HER!
I REFUSE TO DO ANY GRAPPLING.
WHOA ...
SO MANLY ...
WATA-NABE-SAN,
CAN YOU SHOW HER THE BASIC MOVEMENTS OF WRESTLING?
SURE.
ALL RIGHT.
?
LET'S DO STOMPS INTO BURPEES.

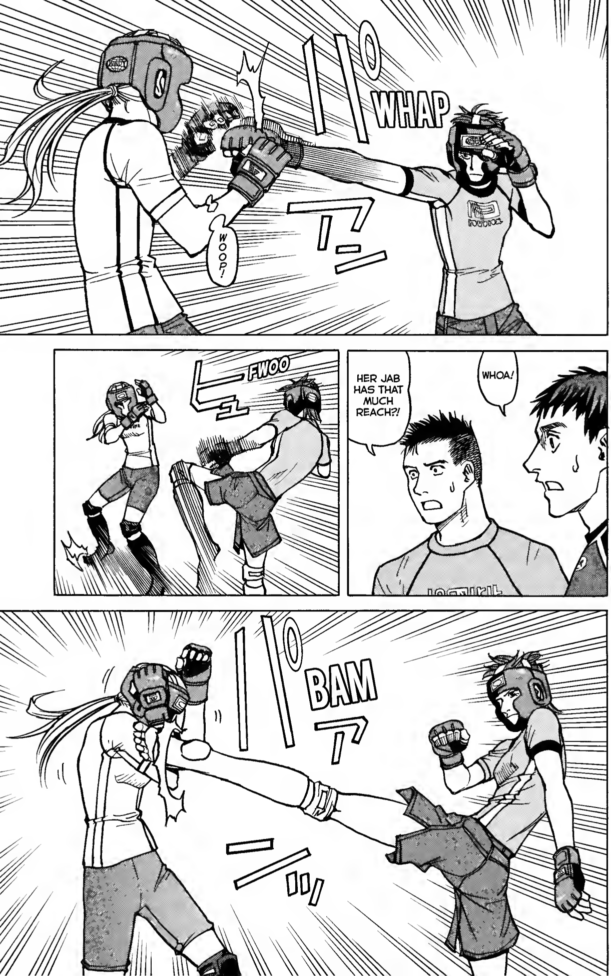

BURPEES?
IT'S THE BASIC MOVEMENT FOR BLOCKING A TACKLE.
YOU THROW YOUR LEGS BEHIND TO PREVENT THEM FROM GRABBING YOU,
AND PUSH THEM DOWN FROM ABOVE WITH YOUR STOMACH.
FIRST, STOMP YOUR FEET AS FAST AS YOU CAN,
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
STOMP
THEN DO A BURPEE ON CUE.
SLAP
AND REPEAT.
PFF!
YOU LAUGH NOW, BUT THIS IS ACTUALLY PRETTY EXHAUSTING!
HUFF
PUFF
NEXT...

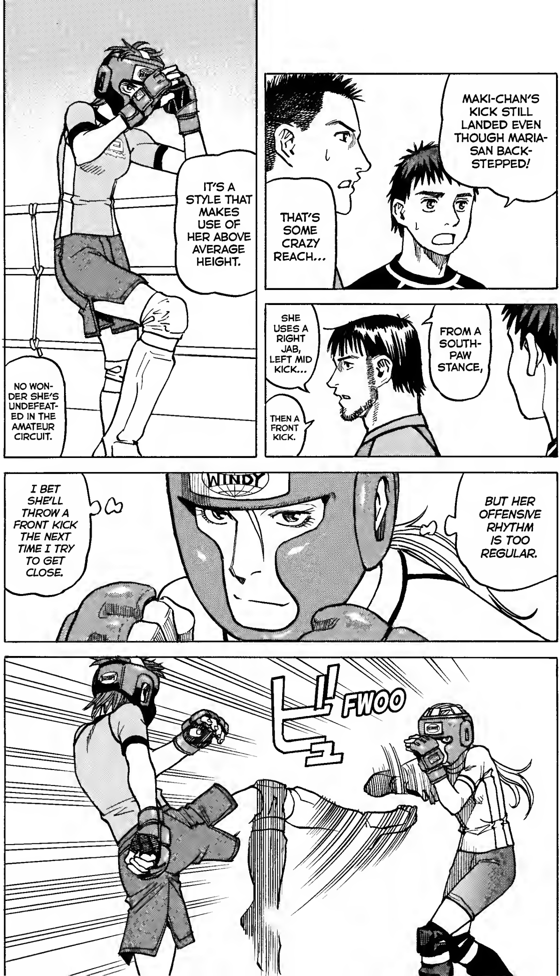

...BREAK THE TACKLE WITH A BURPEE,
GRAB HOLD OF THEIR NECK...
はっ SNAP
...THEN SWOOP AROUND TO THEIR BACK.
OR YOU CAN PUSH THEIR HEAD DOWN...
...AND BACK-STEP OUT OF REACH BEFORE STANDING UP.
IF YOUR OPPONENT STANDS AND GRABS YOU...
...YOU CAN LOCK YOUR ARMS AROUND THEIR SIDES, LIKE SO.
FROM HERE, IF THEY CAN'T BREAK YOUR HOLD...
THEN THEY WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE YOU DOWN OR PUSH YOU AWAY.
...

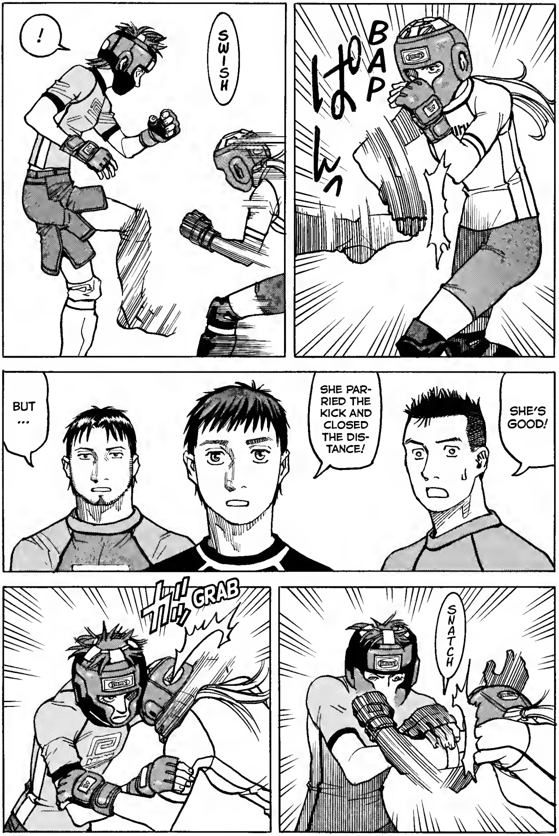

LOOKS KINDA GAY TO ME.
BUNCHA GUYS HUGGING EACH OTHER...
DONG
GAY ?!
RUBBING YOUR CHESTS TOGETHER AND PANTING LIKE THAT...
YOU GUYS MUST REALLY BE CLOSE, HUH?
MAKI-CHAN...
THAT KIND OF THINKING COULD ROCK THE FOUNDATION OF WRESTLING.
MAKI-CHAN, YOU REALLY SHOULD LEARN WRESTLING...
...IF YOU WANT TO WIN WITH STRIKES ALONE.
I'LL END IT BEFORE THEY CAN TOUCH ME.
WHAT AM I GONNA DO WITH YOU?
IN THAT CASE...

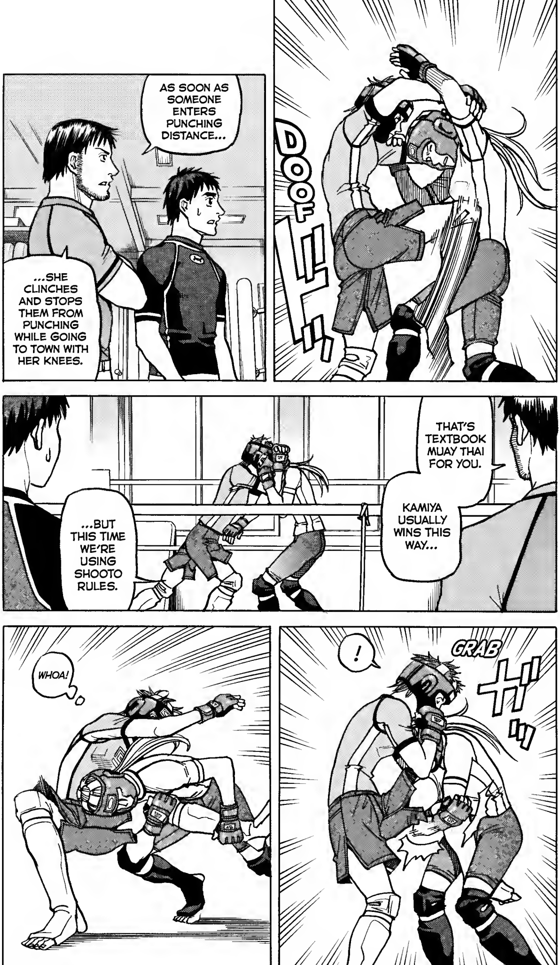

...I GUESS I'LL JUST HAVE TO SHOW YOU FIRST HAND!
HUH?
I'LL BE YOUR OPPONENT, SO GET GEARED UP AND ENTER THE RING.
OK, THEN.
WE'LL DO ONE FOUR MINUTE ROUND USING AMATEUR SHOOTO RULES.
ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, MARIA-SAN?
ABOUT WHAT?
CAN YOU REALLY DO MMA?
OH, PLEASE.
WELL ENOUGH TO TAKE DOWN AN AMATEUR, ANYWAY.

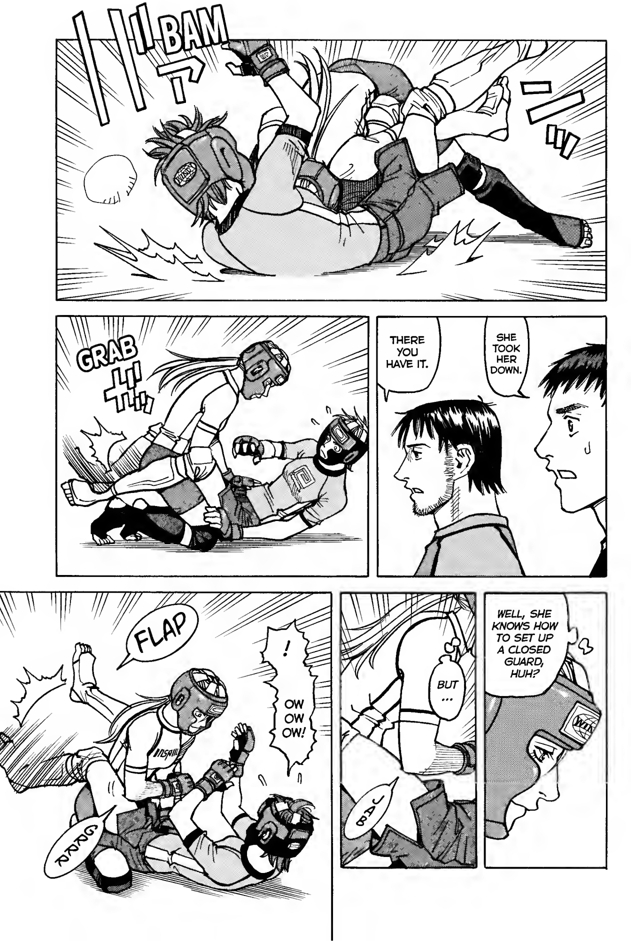

YOU SURE ABOUT THIS, FURUYA-SAN?
MARIA WILL BE FINE.
WINDY
PLUS, SHE'S FULL OF HERSELF BECAUSE SHE'S UNDEFEATED.
I NEED TO TAKE HER DOWN A PEG.
WINDY
BEEP BEEP
HERE WE GO!
3:59
molten

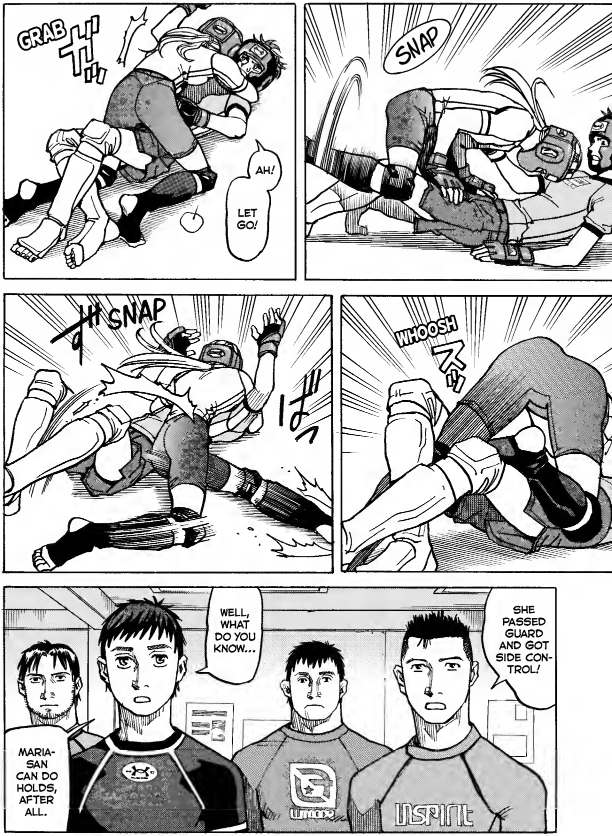

WHAP
WOOP!
WHOA!
HER JAB HAS THAT MUCH REACH?!
FWOO
BAM

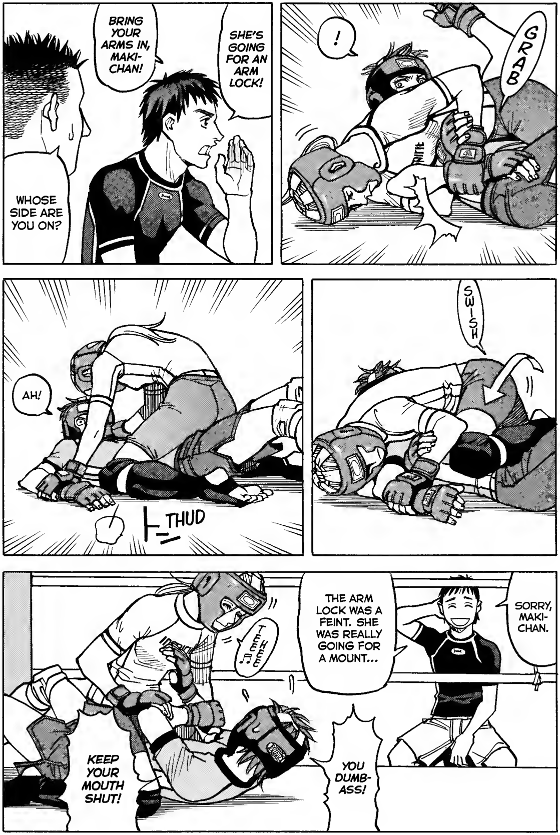

MAKI-CHAN'S KICK STILL LANDED EVEN THOUGH MARIA-SAN BACK-STEPPED!
THAT'S SOME CRAZY REACH...
FROM A SOUTH-PAW STANCE,
SHE USES A RIGHT JAB, LEFT MID KICK...
THEN A FRONT KICK.
IT'S A STYLE THAT MAKES USE OF HER ABOVE AVERAGE HEIGHT.
NO WONDER SHE'S UNDEFEATED IN THE AMATEUR CIRCUIT.
WINDY
BUT HER OFFENSIVE RHYTHM IS TOO REGULAR.
I BET SHE'LL THROW A FRONT KICK THE NEXT TIME I TRY TO GET CLOSE.
ヒュッ
FWOO

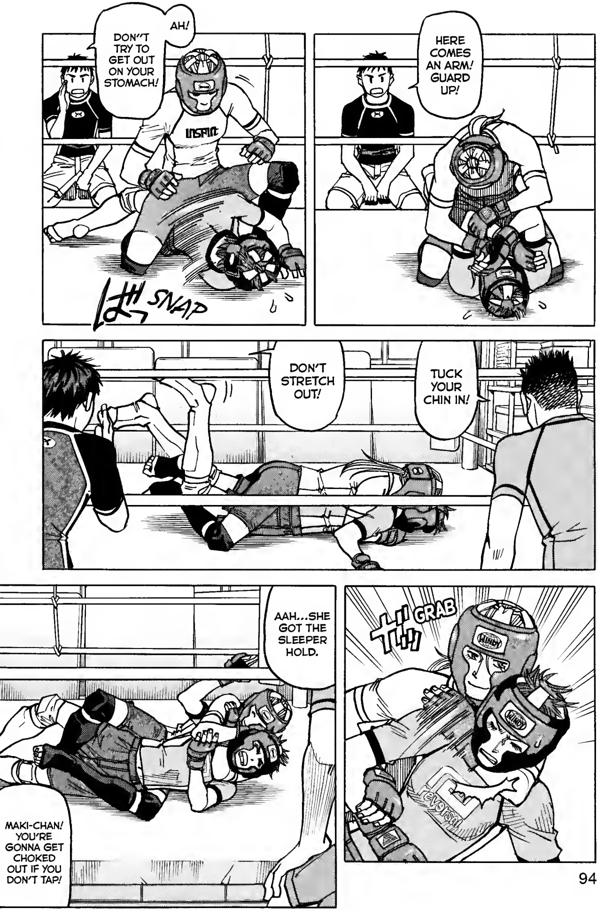

BAP
SWISH
!
SHE'S GOOD!
SHE PARRIED THE KICK AND CLOSED THE DISTANCE!
BUT ...
SNATCH
GRAB

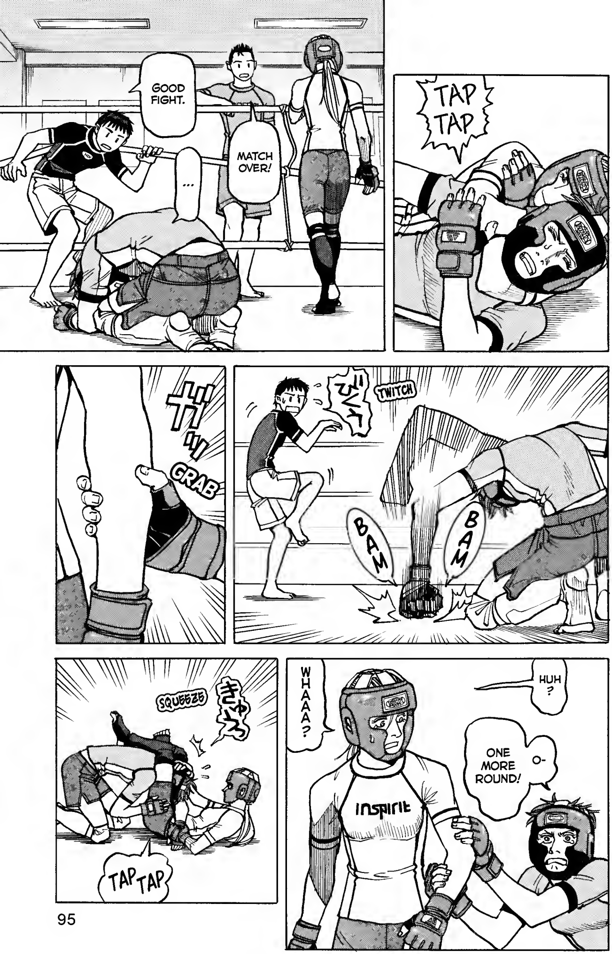

DOOF
AS SOON AS SOMEONE ENTERS PUNCHING DISTANCE...
...SHE CLINCHES AND STOPS THEM FROM PUNCHING WHILE GOING TO TOWN WITH HER KNEES.
THAT'S TEXTBOOK MUAY THAI FOR YOU.
KAMIYA USUALLY WINS THIS WAY...
...BUT THIS TIME WE'RE USING SHOOTO RULES.
!
GRAB
WHOA!

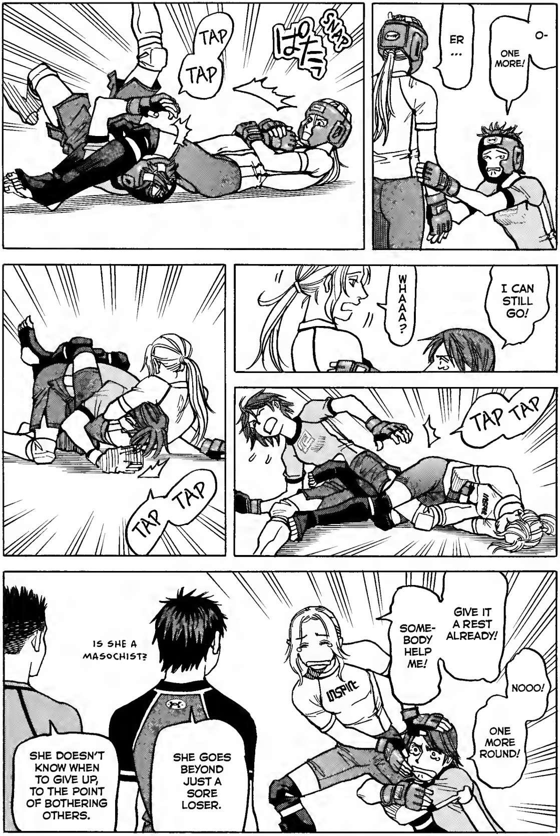

BAM
SHE TOOK HER DOWN.
THERE YOU HAVE IT.
GRAB
WELL, SHE KNOWS HOW TO SET UP A CLOSED GUARD, HUH?
BUT ...
JAB
!
OW OW OW!
FLAP
GRRR

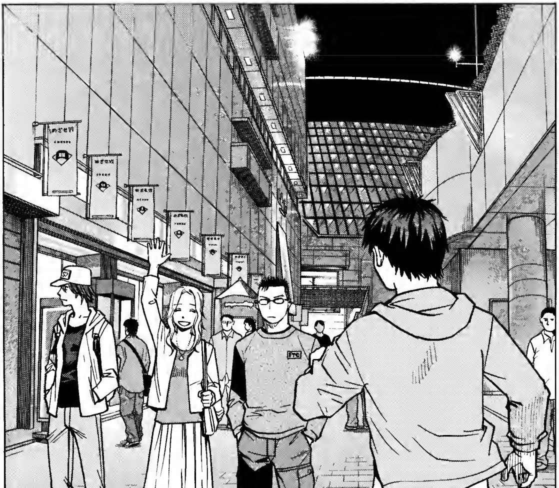

SNAP
GRAB
ガッ
AH!
LET GO!
WHOOSH
スッ
SNAP
ばっ
SHE PASSED GUARD AND GOT SIDE CONTROL!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU KNOW...
MARIA-SAN CAN DO HOLDS, AFTER ALL.


SHE'S GOING FOR AN ARM LOCK!
BRING YOUR ARMS IN, MAKI-CHAN!
WHOSE SIDE ARE YOU ON?
!
GRAB
AH!
THUD
SWISH
THE ARM LOCK WAS A FEINT. SHE WAS REALLY GOING FOR A MOUNT...
SORRY, MAKI-CHAN.
TEE HEE ♫
YOU DUMB-ASS!
KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

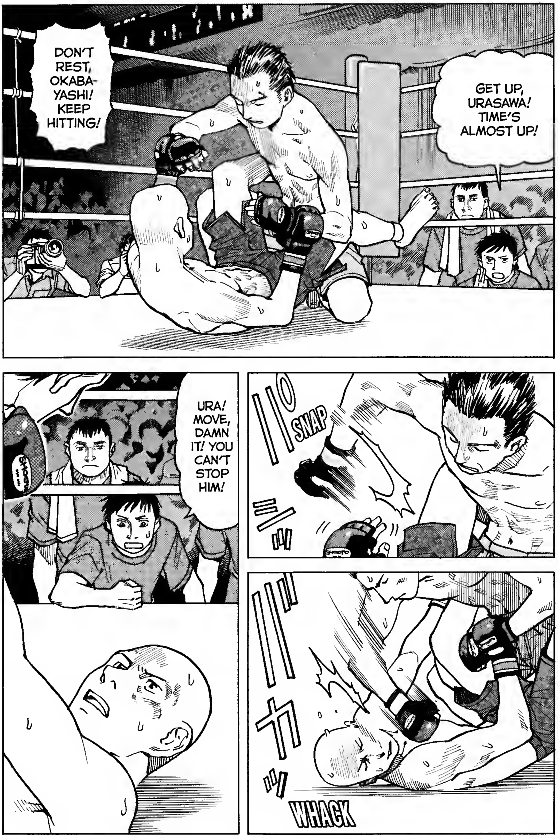

AH!
DON''T TRY TO GET OUT ON YOUR STOMACH!
INSFINT
ばっ SNAP
HERE COMES AN ARM! GUARD UP!
DON'T STRETCH OUT!
TUCK YOUR CHIN IN!
AAH...SHE GOT THE SLEEPER HOLD.
MAKI-CHAN! YOU'RE GONNA GET CHOKED OUT IF YOU DON'T TAP!
ガッ GRAB
WINDY
WINDY
reversal

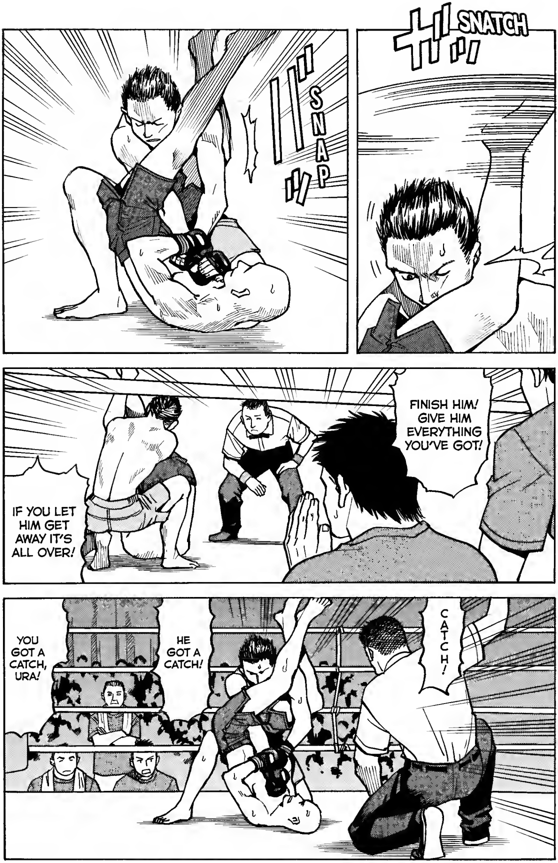

TAP TAP
MATCH OVER!
GOOD FIGHT.
...
ぴくっ
TWITCH
BAM
BAM
ガッ
GRAB
WHAAAA?
HUH?
O-
ONE MORE ROUND!
inspirit
きゅっ
SQUEEZE
TAP TAP

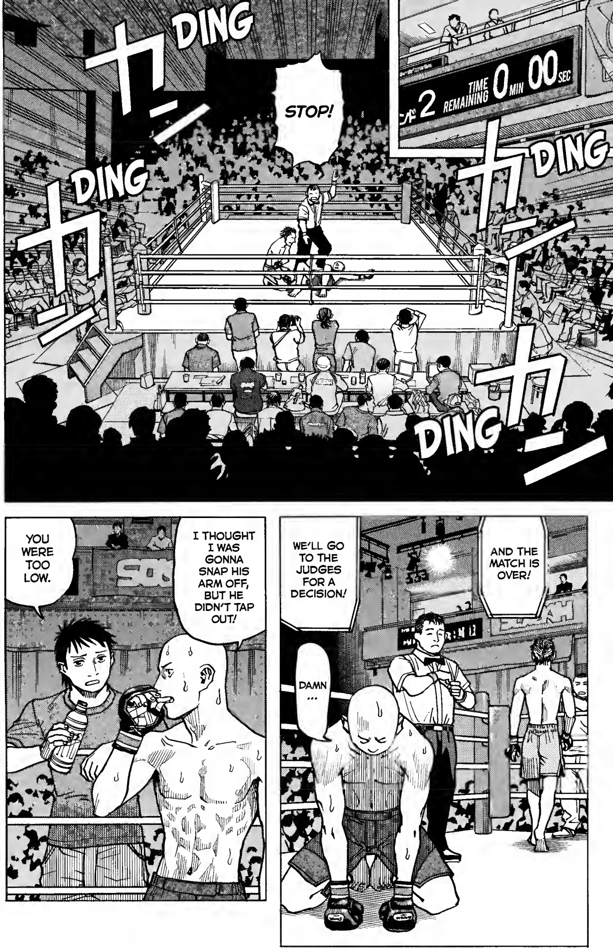

O-
ONE MORE!
ER ...
SNAP
ぱたっ
TAP
TAP
I CAN STILL GO!
WHAAAA?
TAP TAP
TAP TAP
GIVE IT A REST ALREADY!
SOMEBODY HELP ME!
NOOO!
ONE MORE ROUND!
IS SHE A MASOCHIST?
SHE GOES BEYOND JUST A SORE LOSER.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, TO THE POINT OF BOTHERING OTHERS.

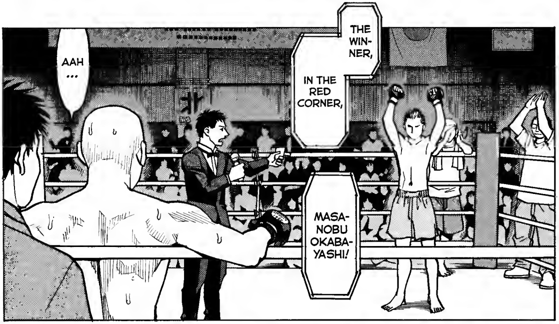


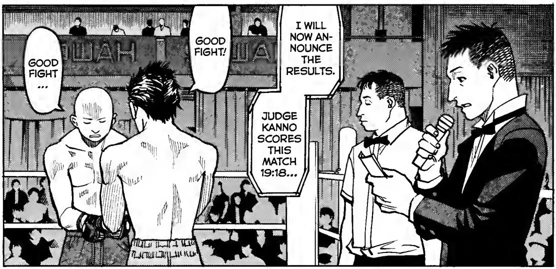
CH. 14 | KORAKUEN HALL, BARBEQUE, TAXI

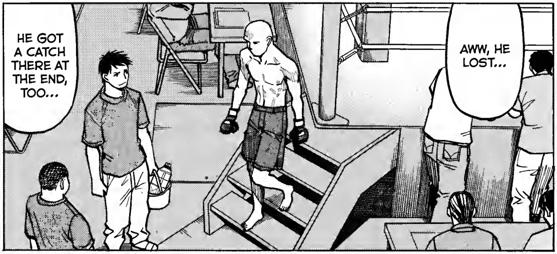

GET UP, URASAWA! TIME'S ALMOST UP!
DON'T REST, OKABAYASHI! KEEP HITTING!
SNAP
URA! MOVE, DAMN IT! YOU CAN'T STOP HIM!
WHACK

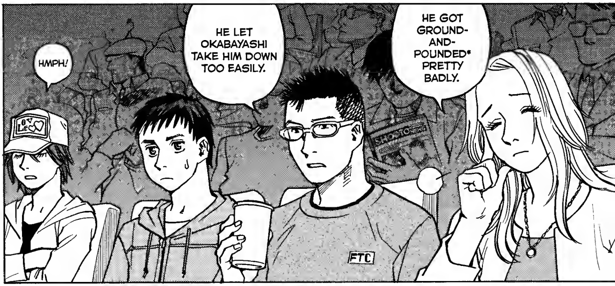

SNATCH
SNAP
FINISH HIM! GIVE HIM EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!
IF YOU LET HIM GET AWAY IT'S ALL OVER!
CATCH!
HE GOT A CATCH!
YOU GOT A CATCH, URA!


2 TIME REMAINING 0 MIN 00 SEC
カーン DING
カーン DING
STOP!
カーン DING
カーン DING
AND THE MATCH IS OVER!
WE'LL GO TO THE JUDGES FOR A DECISION!
DAMN...
I THOUGHT I WAS GONNA SNAP HIS ARM OFF, BUT HE DIDN'T TAP OUT!
YOU WERE TOO LOW.

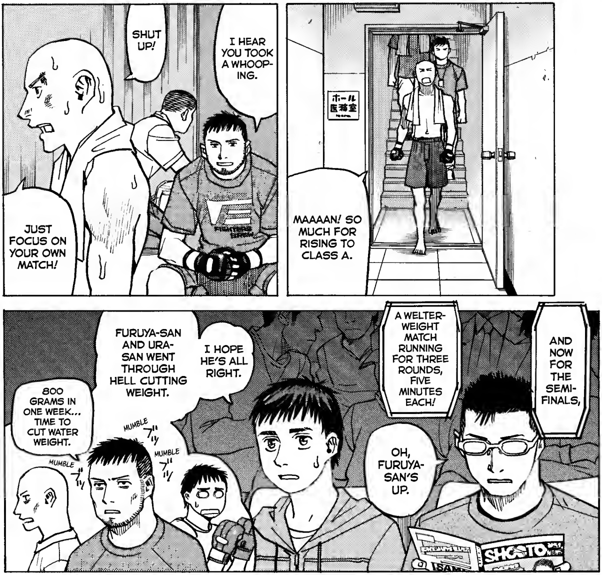

THE WINNER,
IN THE RED CORNER,
MASANOBU OKABAYASHI!
AAH...

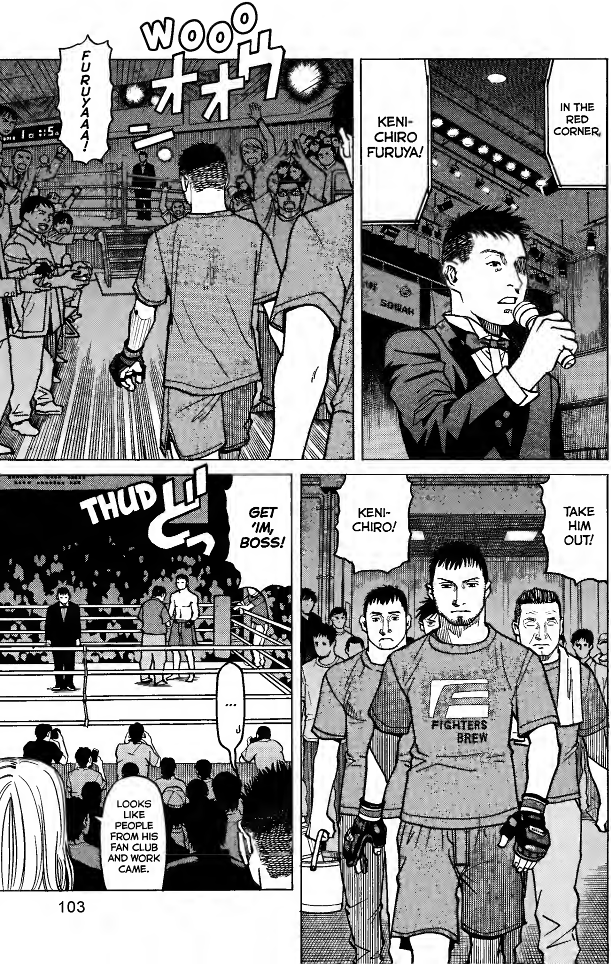

I WILL NOW ANNOUNCE THE RESULTS.
JUDGE KANNO SCORES THIS MATCH 19:18...
GOOD FIGHT!
GOOD FIGHT...

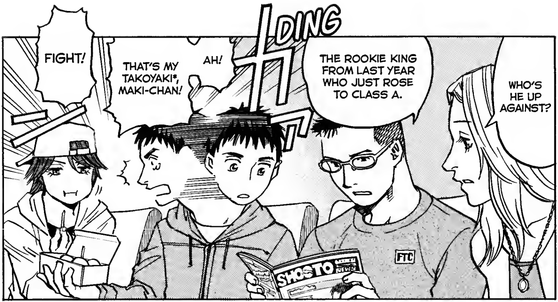

AWW, HE LOST...
HE GOT A CATCH THERE AT THE END, TOO...


HE GOT GROUND-AND-POUNDED* PRETTY BADLY.
HE LET OKABAYASHI TAKE HIM DOWN TOO EASILY.
HMPH!
FTC

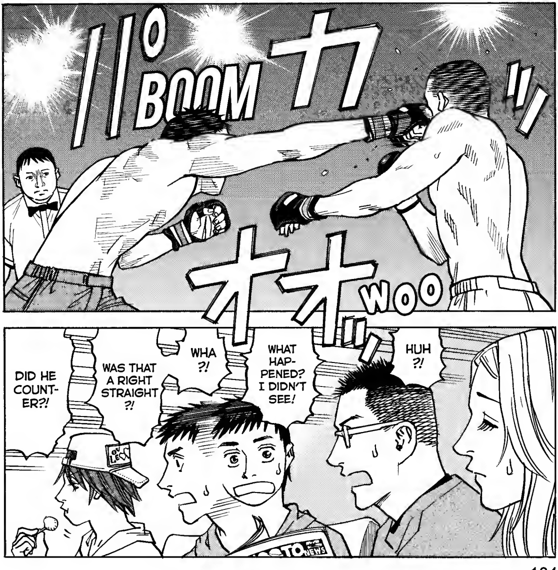
*GROUND AND POUND: TAKING AN OPPONENT TO THE MAT, ESTABLISHING A DOMINANT POSITION AND PROCEEDING TO HIT THEM WITH PUNCHES.

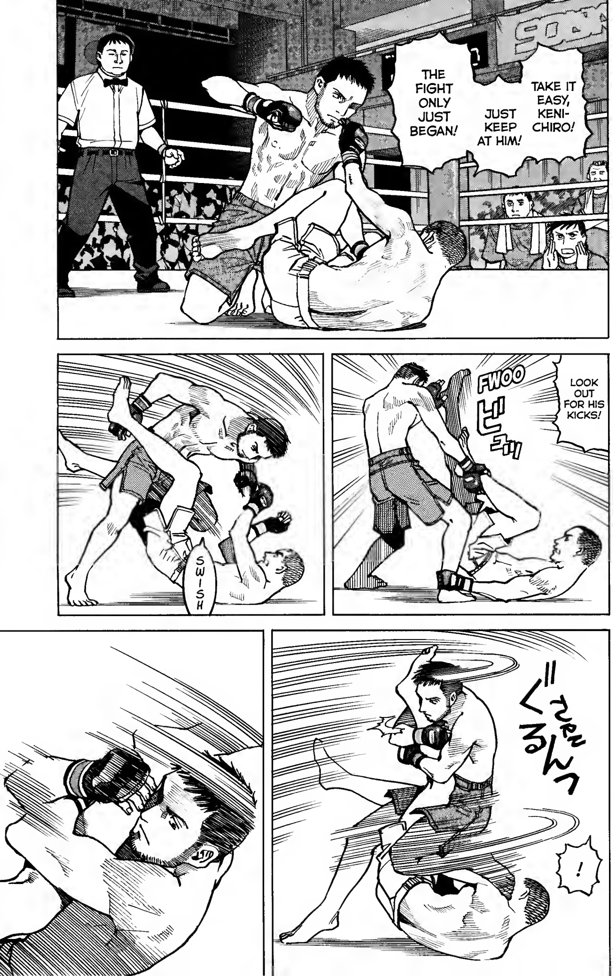

ホール
医務室
MAAAAN! SO MUCH FOR RISING TO CLASS A.
I HEAR YOU TOOK A WHOOPING.
SHUT UP!
JUST FOCUS ON YOUR OWN MATCH!
AND NOW FOR THE SEMI-FINALS,
A WELTERWEIGHT MATCH RUNNING FOR THREE ROUNDS, FIVE MINUTES EACH!
OH, FURUYA-SAN'S UP.
I HOPE HE'S ALL RIGHT.
FURUYA-SAN AND URA-SAN WENT THROUGH HELL CUTTING WEIGHT.
MUMBLE
MUMBLE
800 GRAMS IN ONE WEEK... TIME TO CUT WATER WEIGHT.
MUMBLE
SHOOTO

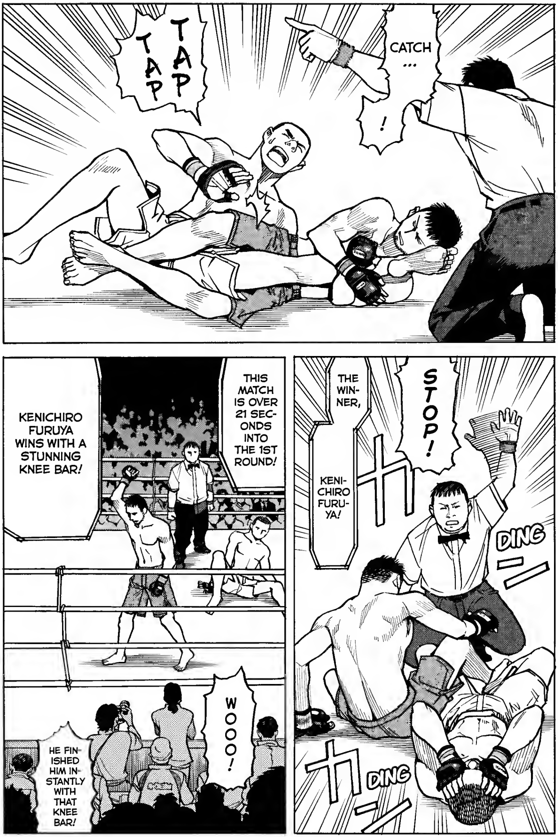

IN THE RED CORNER,
KENICHIRO FURUYA!
WOOO
オオウ
FURUYAAA!
TAKE HIM OUT!
KENICHIRO!
FIGHTERS BREW
THUD
どっ
GET 'IM, BOSS!
...
LOOKS LIKE PEOPLE FROM HIS FAN CLUB AND WORK CAME.

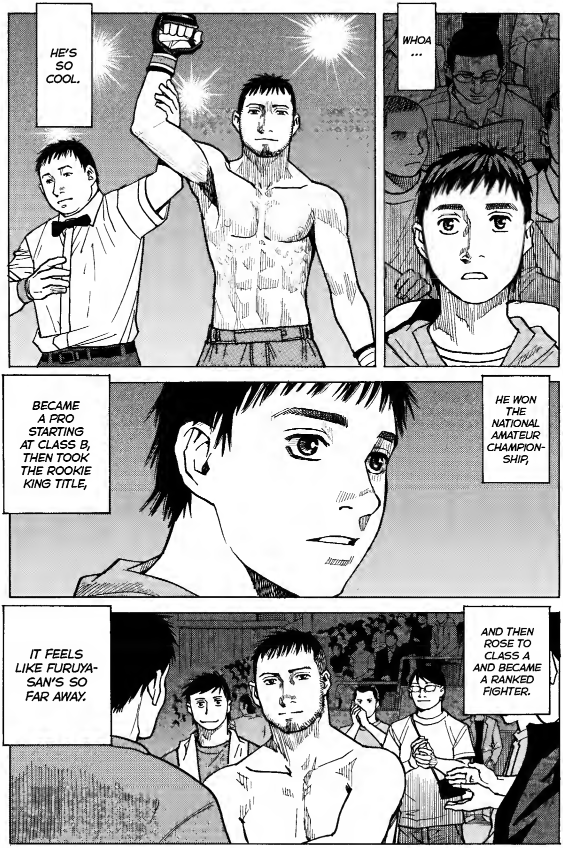

DING
カッ
WHO'S HE UP AGAINST?
THE ROOKIE KING FROM LAST YEAR WHO JUST ROSE TO CLASS A.
AH!
THAT'S MY TAKOYAKI*, MAKI-CHAN!
FIGHT!
SHOOTO NEWS
FTC

*PIECES OF OCTOPUS PAN FRIED IN A BALL OF PANCAKE-LIKE BATTER.

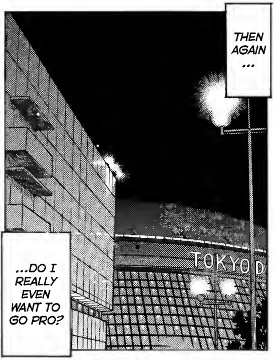

パカッ
BOOM
オオッ
WOO
HUH ?!
WHAT HAP-PENED? I DIDN'T SEE!
WHA ?!
WAS THAT A RIGHT STRAIGHT ?!
DID HE COUNTER?!
SHOOTO NEWS

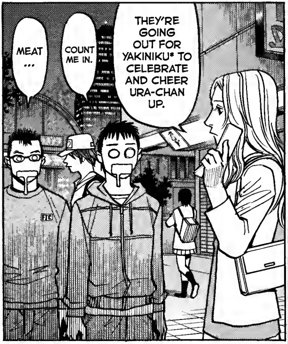

TAKE IT EASY, KENICHIRO!
JUST KEEP AT HIM!
THE FIGHT ONLY JUST BEGAN!
LOOK OUT FOR HIS KICKS!
FWOO
ビュッ
SWISH
くるんっ
さっ
!

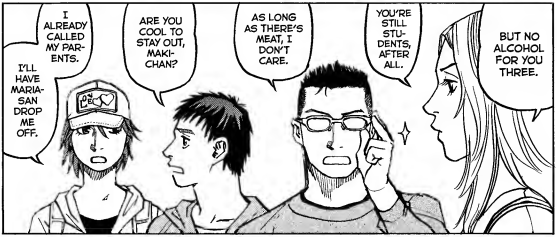

CATCH…
!
TAP TAP
STOP!
THE WINNER,
KENICHIRO FURUYA!
DING
DING
THIS MATCH IS OVER 21 SECONDS INTO THE 1ST ROUND!
KENICHIRO FURUYA WINS WITH A STUNNING KNEE BAR!
WOOOO!
HE FINISHED HIM INSTANTLY WITH THAT KNEE BAR!

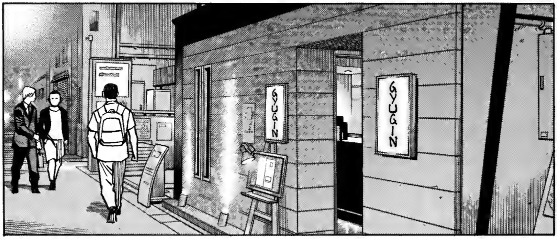

WHOA ...
HE'S SO COOL.
HE WON THE NATIONAL AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP,
BECAME A PRO STARTING AT CLASS B, THEN TOOK THE ROOKIE KING TITLE,
AND THEN ROSE TO CLASS A AND BECAME A RANKED FIGHTER.
IT FEELS LIKE FURUYA-SAN'S SO FAR AWAY.

*JAPANESE BBQ.


THEN AGAIN ...
...DO I REALLY EVEN WANT TO GO PRO?
TOKYO D


THEY'RE GOING OUT FOR YAKINIKU* TO CELEBRATE AND CHEER URA-CHAN UP.
COUNT ME IN.
MEAT ...


BUT NO ALCOHOL FOR YOU THREE.
YOU'RE STILL STUDENTS, AFTER ALL.
AS LONG AS THERE'S MEAT, I DON'T CARE.
ARE YOU COOL TO STAY OUT, MAKI-CHAN?
I ALREADY CALLED MY PARENTS.
I'LL HAVE MARIA-SAN DROP ME OFF.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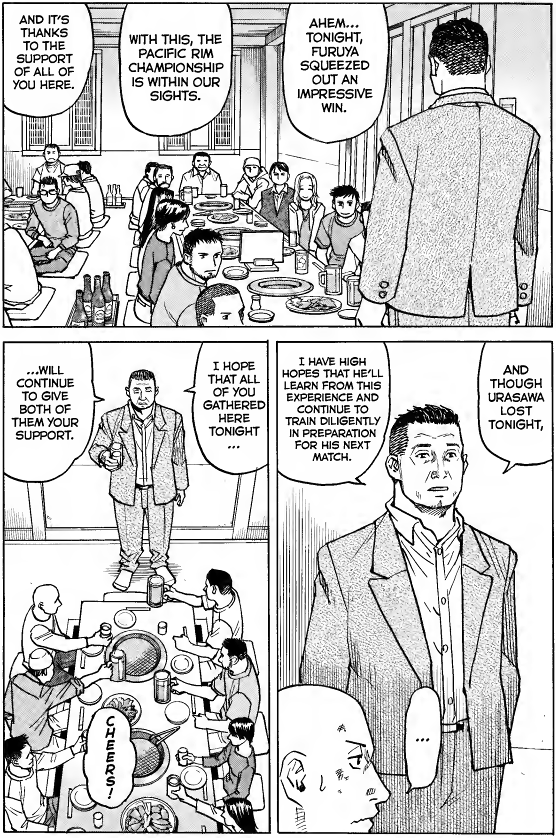
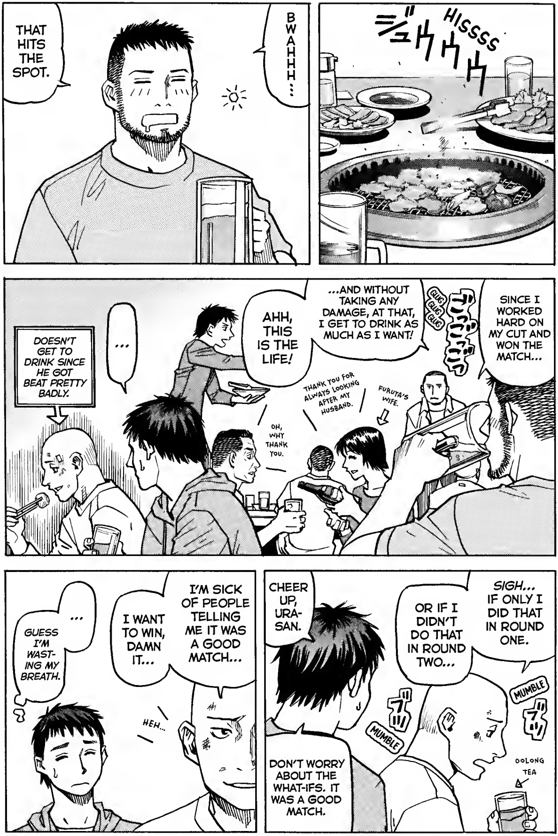
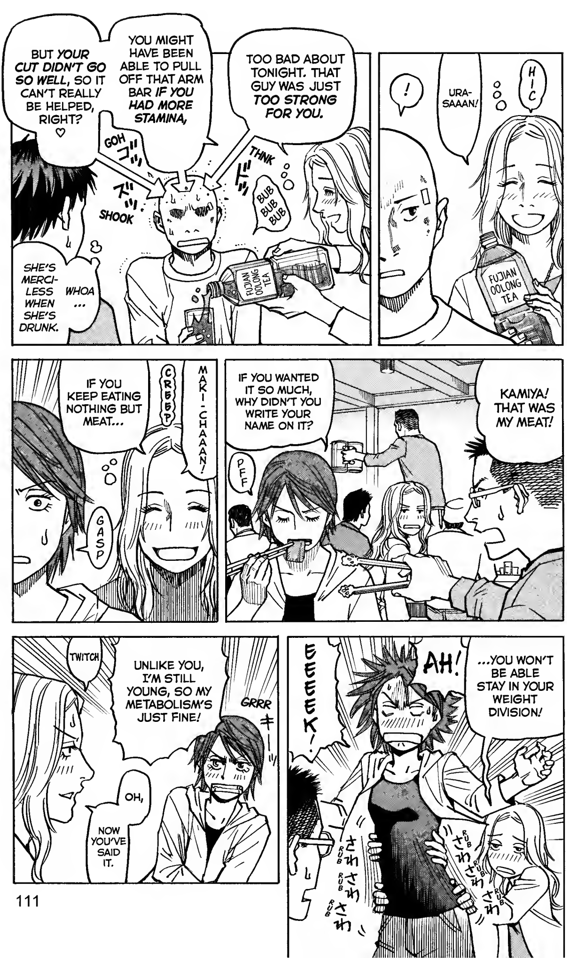
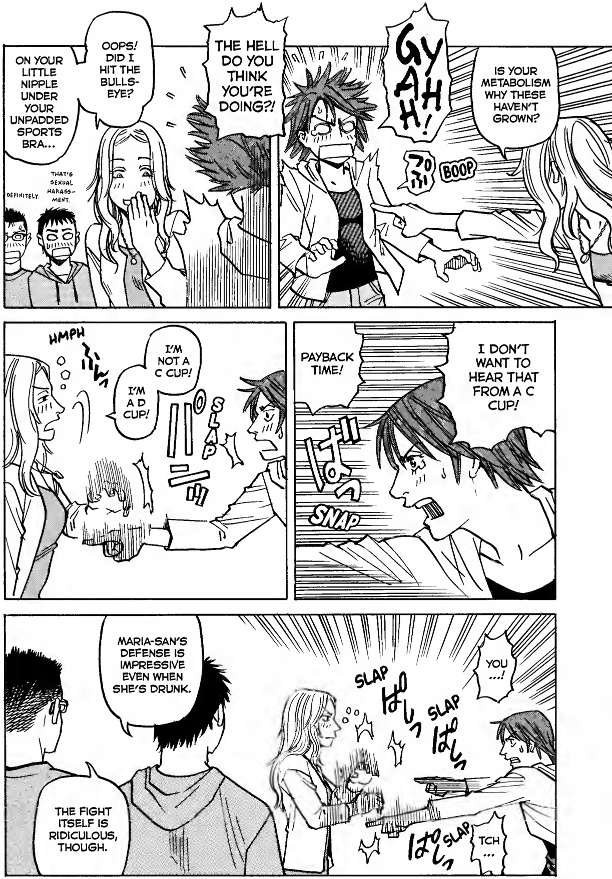
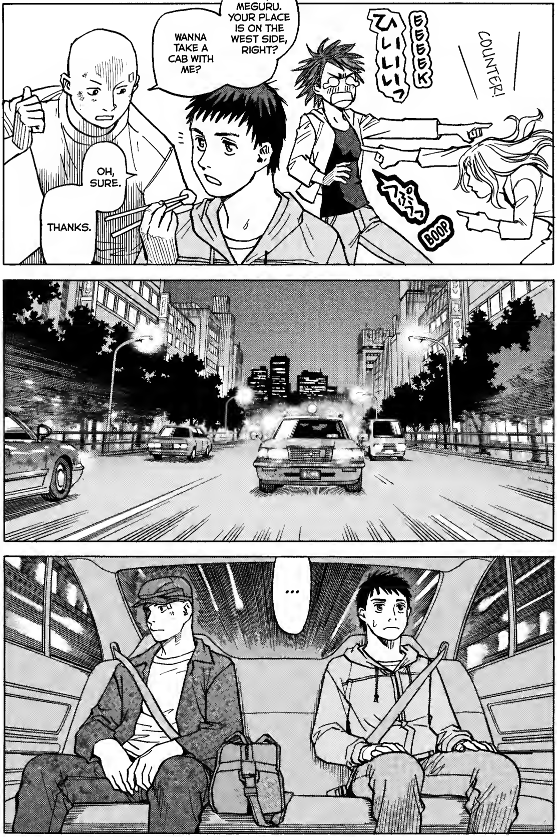
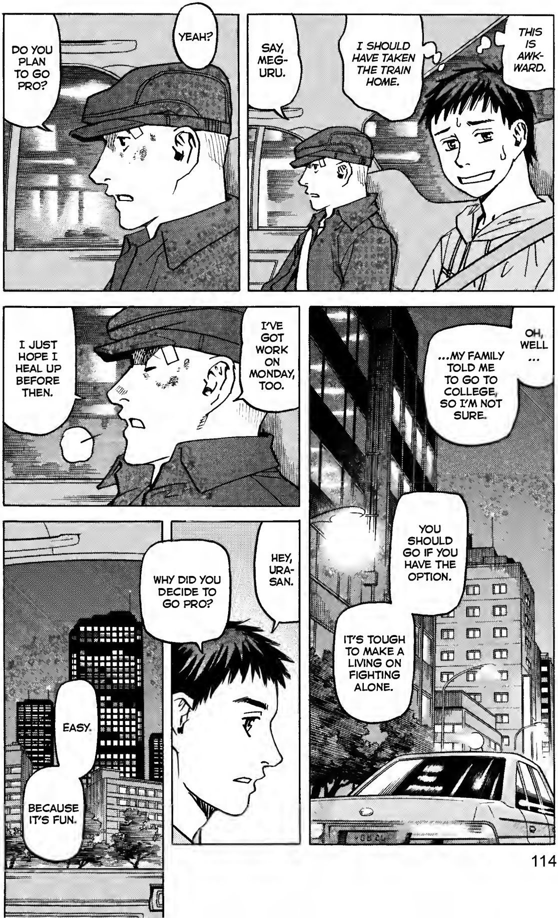

AHEM... TONIGHT, FURUYA SQUEEZED OUT AN IMPRESSIVE WIN.
WITH THIS, THE PACIFIC RIM CHAMPIONSHIP IS WITHIN OUR SIGHTS.
AND IT'S THANKS TO THE SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU HERE.
AND THOUGH URASAWA LOST TONIGHT,
I HAVE HIGH HOPES THAT HE'LL LEARN FROM THIS EXPERIENCE AND CONTINUE TO TRAIN DILIGENTLY IN PREPARATION FOR HIS NEXT MATCH.
...
I HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU GATHERED HERE TONIGHT ...
...WILL CONTINUE TO GIVE BOTH OF THEM YOUR SUPPORT.
CHEERS!

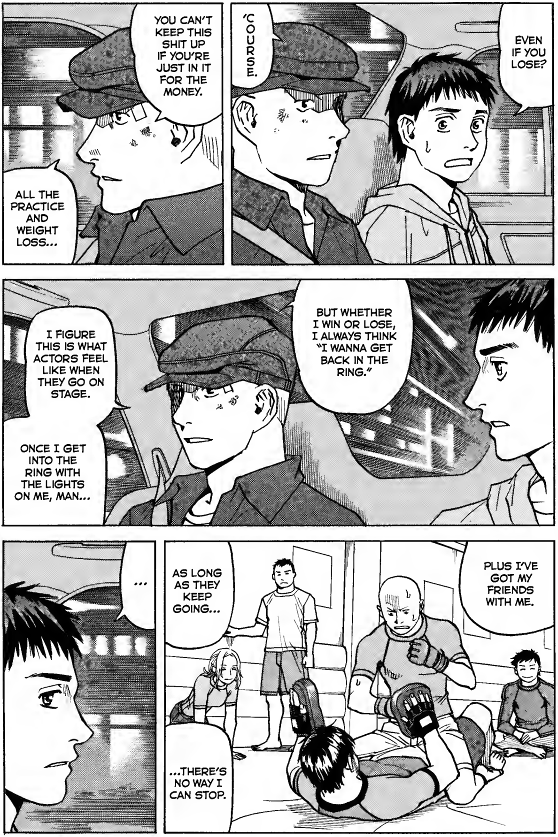

ジュウウウ
HISSSS
BWAHHH...
THAT HITS THE SPOT.
SINCE I WORKED HARD ON MY CUT AND WON THE MATCH...
ゴッゴッゴッ
GLUG GLUG GLUG
...AND WITHOUT TAKING ANY DAMAGE, AT THAT, I GET TO DRINK AS MUCH AS I WANT!
AHH, THIS IS THE LIFE!
FURUYA'S WIFE.
THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS LOOKING AFTER MY HUSBAND.
OH, WHY THANK YOU.
...
DOESN'T GET TO DRINK SINCE HE GOT BEAT PRETTY BADLY.
SIGH... IF ONLY I DID THAT IN ROUND ONE.
OR IF I DIDN'T DO THAT IN ROUND TWO...
MUMBLE
ブツ
ブツ
MUMBLE
CHEER UP, URA-SAN.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE WHAT-IFS. IT WAS A GOOD MATCH.
OOLONG TEA
I'M SICK OF PEOPLE TELLING ME IT WAS A GOOD MATCH...
I WANT TO WIN, DAMN IT...
HEH...
...
GUESS I'M WASTING MY BREATH.


HIC
URA-SAAAN!
!
TOO BAD ABOUT TONIGHT. THAT GUY WAS JUST *TOO STRONG FOR YOU.*
YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PULL OFF THAT ARM BAR *IF YOU HAD MORE STAMINA,*
BUT *YOUR CUT DIDN'T GO SO WELL,* SO IT CAN'T REALLY BE HELPED, RIGHT? ♡
THNK ド
BUB BUB BUB
GOH ゴッ
ズッ SHOOK
FUJIAN OOLONG TEA
WHOA...
SHE'S MERCILESS WHEN SHE'S DRUNK.
FUJIAN OOLONG TEA
KAMIYA! THAT WAS MY MEAT!
IF YOU WANTED IT SO MUCH, WHY DIDN'T YOU WRITE YOUR NAME ON IT?
PFF
MAKI-CHAAAN!
CREEP
IF YOU KEEP EATING NOTHING BUT MEAT...
GASP
...YOU WON'T BE ABLE STAY IN YOUR WEIGHT DIVISION!
AH!
EEEEEK!
RUB さわ RUB さわ RUB さわ RUB さわ
TWITCH
UNLIKE YOU, I'M STILL YOUNG, SO MY METABOLISM'S JUST FINE!
GRRR キーッ
OH,
NOW YOU'VE SAID IT.


IS YOUR METABOLISM WHY THESE HAVEN'T GROWN?
BOOP
GYAH!
THE HELL DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
OOPS! DID I HIT THE BULLS-EYE?
ON YOUR LITTLE NIPPLE UNDER YOUR UNPADDED SPORTS BRA...
THAT'S SEXUAL HARASSMENT.
DEFINITELY.
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM A C CUP!
PAYBACK TIME!
ぱっ
SNAP
パシッ
SLAP
I'M NOT A C CUP!
I'M A D CUP!
ふん
HMPH
YOU ...!
ぱしっ
SLAP
ぱしっ
SLAP
ぱしっ
SLAP
TCH ...
MARIA-SAN'S DEFENSE IS IMPRESSIVE EVEN WHEN SHE'S DRUNK.
THE FIGHT ITSELF IS RIDICULOUS, THOUGH.


COUNTER!
EEEEK
ひぃぃぃぃっ
HEY, MEGURU. YOUR PLACE IS ON THE WEST SIDE, RIGHT?
WANNA TAKE A CAB WITH ME?
へぷっ
BOOP
OH, SURE.
THANKS.
...


THIS IS AWKWARD.
I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN THE TRAIN HOME.
SAY, MEGURU.
YEAH?
DO YOU PLAN TO GO PRO?
OH, WELL...
...MY FAMILY TOLD ME TO GO TO COLLEGE, SO I'M NOT SURE.
YOU SHOULD GO IF YOU HAVE THE OPTION.
IT'S TOUGH TO MAKE A LIVING ON FIGHTING ALONE.
I'VE GOT WORK ON MONDAY, TOO.
I JUST HOPE I HEAL UP BEFORE THEN.
HEY, URA-SAN.
WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO GO PRO?
EASY.
BECAUSE IT'S FUN.


EVEN IF YOU LOSE?
'COURSE.
YOU CAN'T KEEP THIS SHIT UP IF YOU'RE JUST IN IT FOR THE MONEY.
ALL THE PRACTICE AND WEIGHT LOSS...
BUT WHETHER I WIN OR LOSE, I ALWAYS THINK "I WANNA GET BACK IN THE RING."
I FIGURE THIS IS WHAT ACTORS FEEL LIKE WHEN THEY GO ON STAGE.
ONCE I GET INTO THE RING WITH THE LIGHTS ON ME, MAN...
PLUS I'VE GOT MY FRIENDS WITH ME.
AS LONG AS THEY KEEP GOING...
...THERE'S NO WAY I CAN STOP.
...

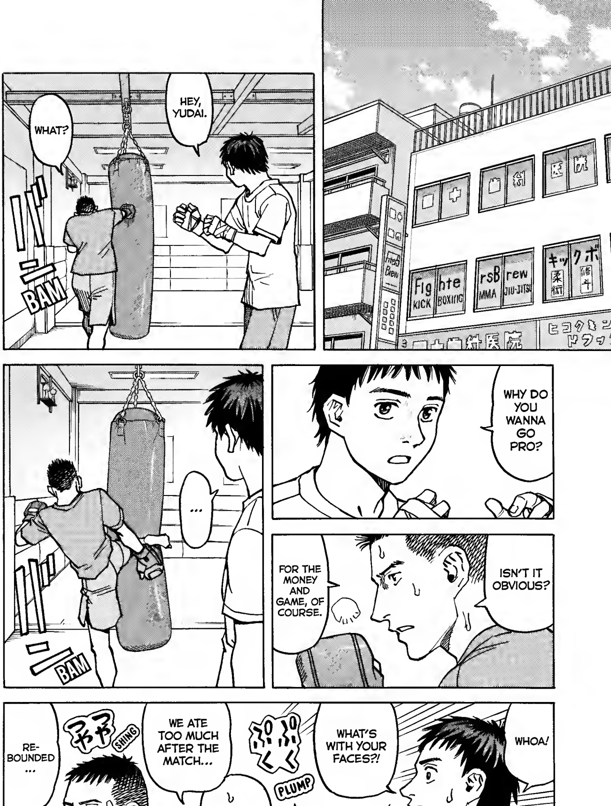


Fig hte
KICK BOXING
rsB rew
MMA JIU-JITSU
キックボ
柔術
修斗
HEY, YUDAI.
WHAT?
BAM
WHY DO YOU WANNA GO PRO?
...
BAM
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?
FOR THE MONEY AND GAME, OF COURSE.
WHOA!
WHAT'S WITH YOUR FACES?!
PLUMP
WE ATE TOO MUCH AFTER THE MATCH...
SHING
RE-BOUNDED ...

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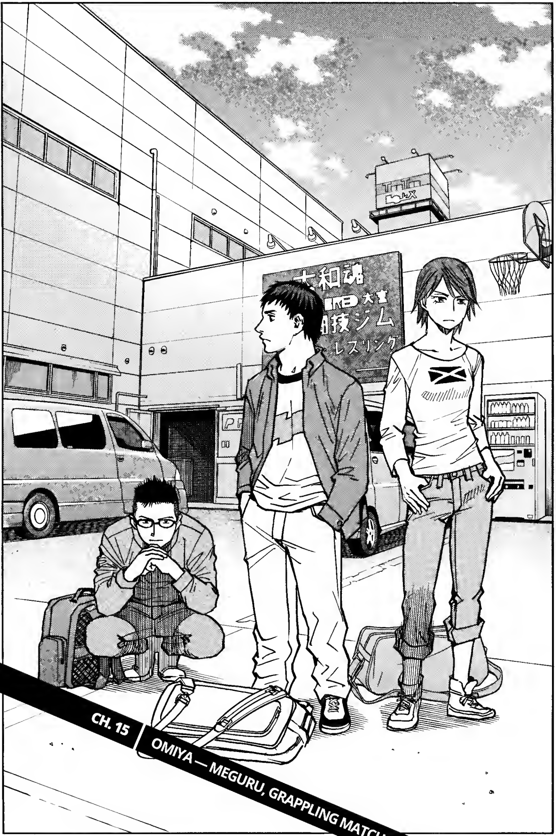
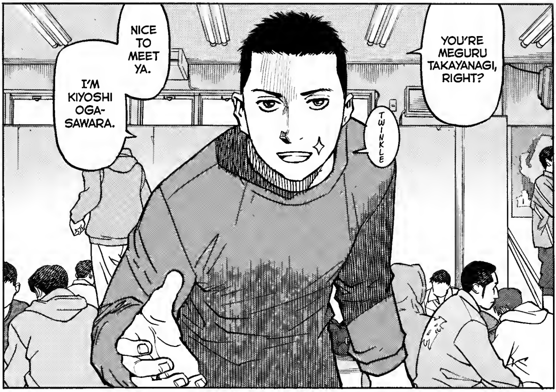
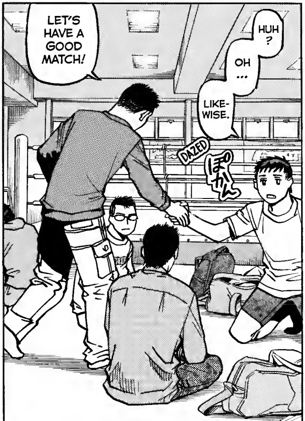
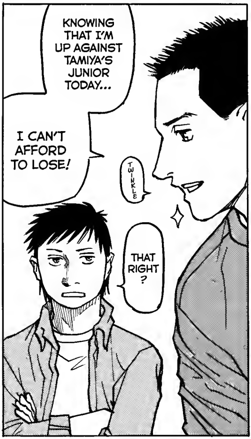
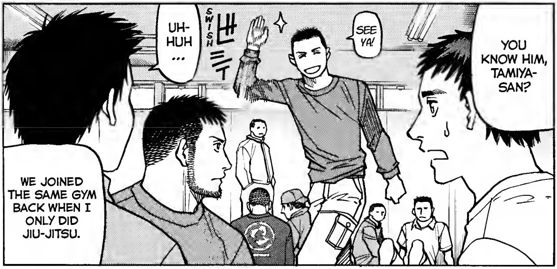
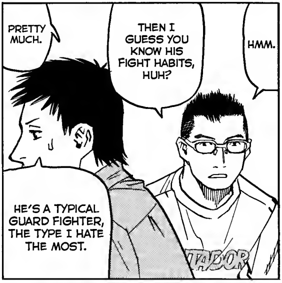

大和魂
大宮
闘技ジム
レスリング

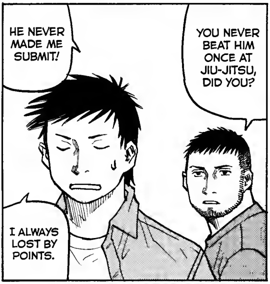

YOU'RE MEGURU TAKAYANAGI, RIGHT?
TWINKLE
NICE TO MEET YA.
I'M KIYOSHI OGA-SAWARA.

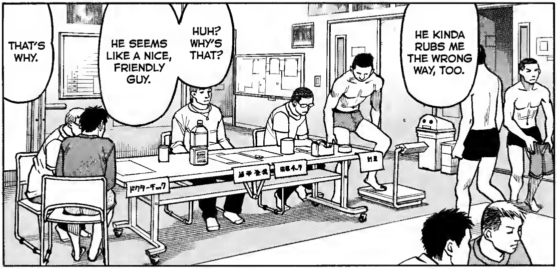

HUH?
OH...
LIKE-WISE.
LET'S HAVE A GOOD MATCH!
DAZED
ぽかん

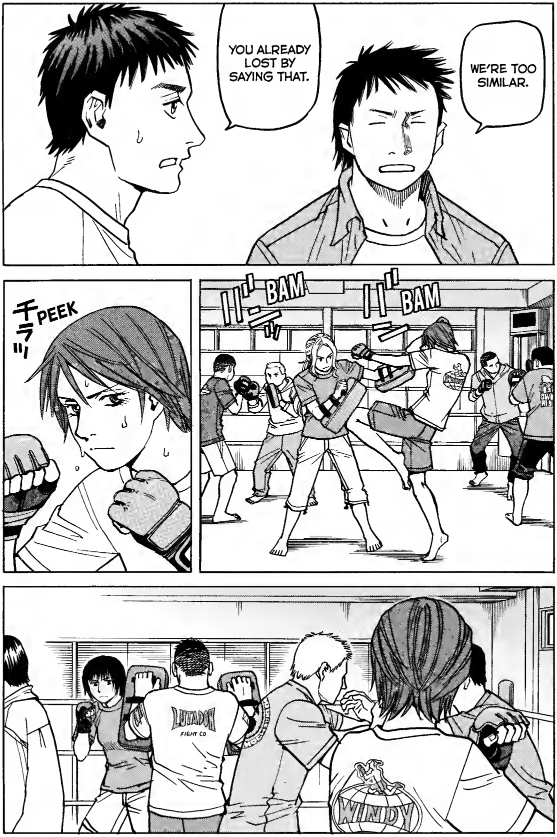

KNOWING THAT I'M UP AGAINST TAMIYA'S JUNIOR TODAY...
I CAN'T AFFORD TO LOSE!
TWINKLE
THAT RIGHT?

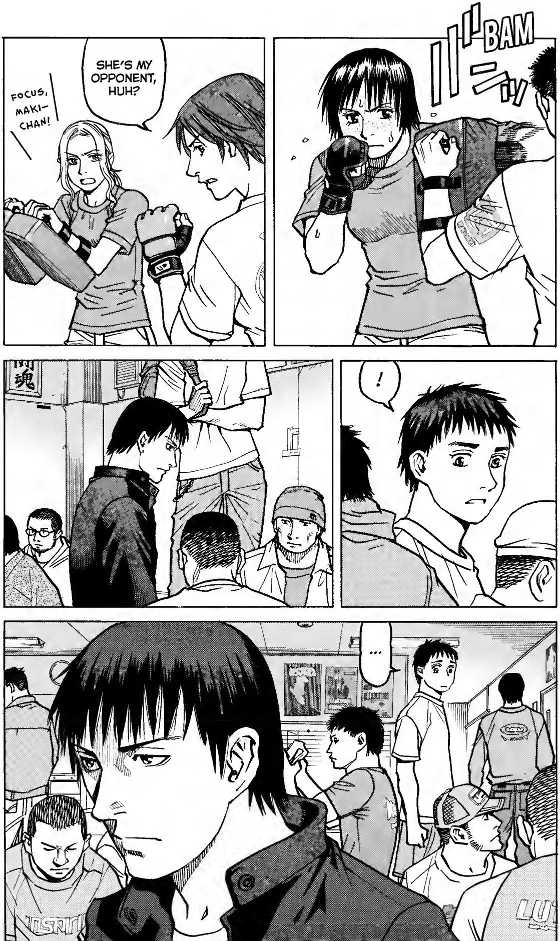

YOU KNOW HIM, TAMIYA-SAN?
SEE YA!
SWISH
UH-HUH ...
WE JOINED THE SAME GYM BACK WHEN I ONLY DID JIU-JITSU.

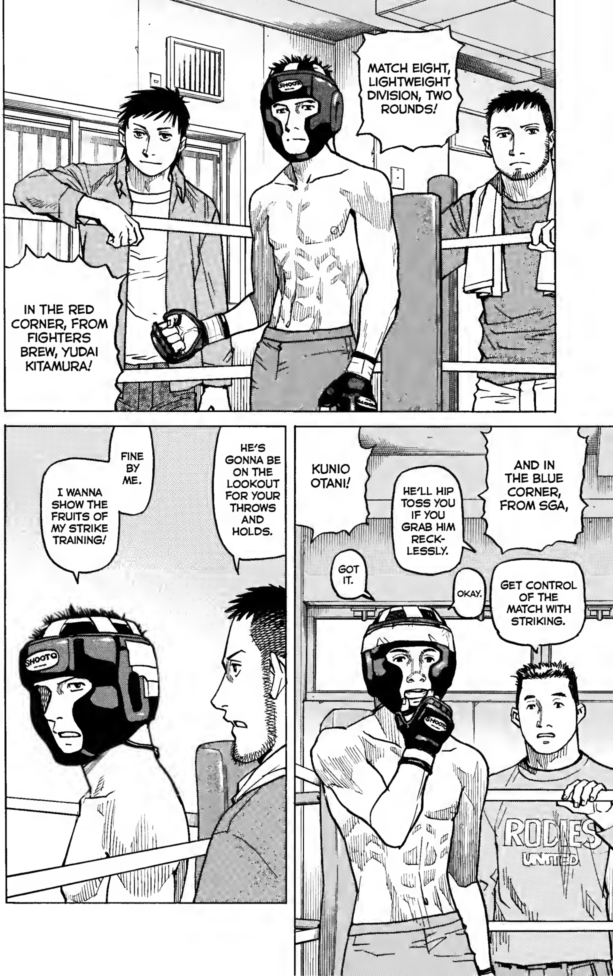

HMM.
THEN I GUESS YOU KNOW HIS FIGHT HABITS, HUH?
PRETTY MUCH.
HE'S A TYPICAL GUARD FIGHTER, THE TYPE I HATE THE MOST.

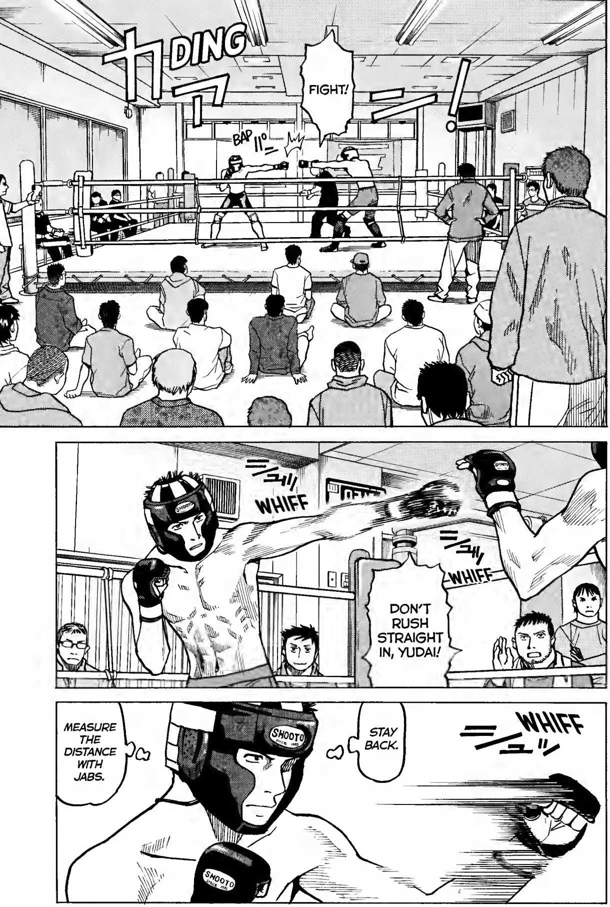

YOU NEVER BEAT HIM ONCE AT JIU-JITSU, DID YOU?
HE NEVER MADE ME SUBMIT!
I ALWAYS LOST BY POINTS.

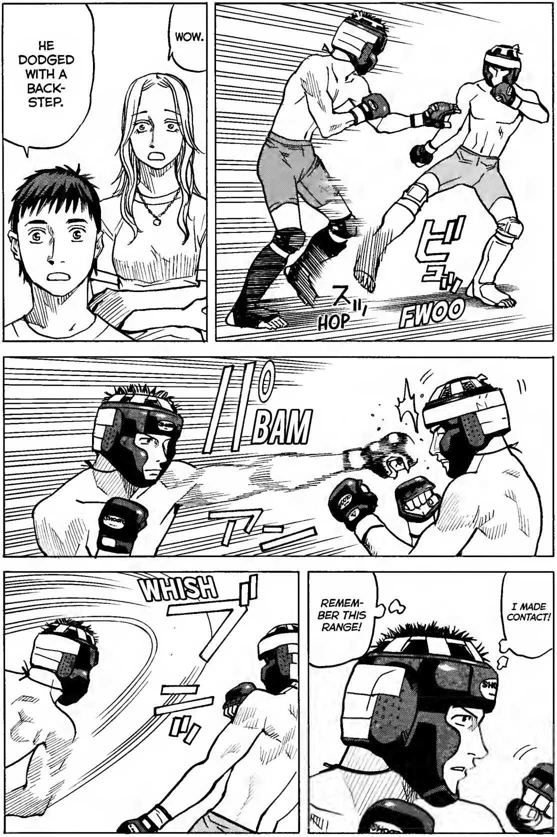

HE KINDA RUBS ME THE WRONG WAY, TOO.
HUH? WHY'S THAT?
HE SEEMS LIKE A NICE, FRIENDLY GUY.
THAT'S WHY.
計量
ドクターチェック

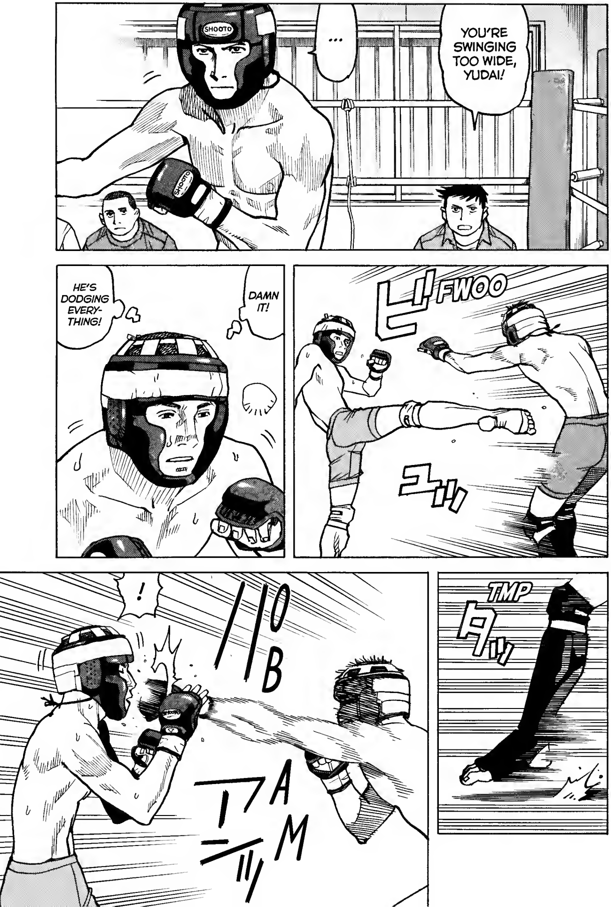

WE'RE TOO SIMILAR.
YOU ALREADY LOST BY SAYING THAT.
BAM
BAM
チラッ
PEEK
LUTADOR
FIGHT CO
WINDY


BAM
SHE'S MY OPPONENT, HUH?
FOCUS, MAKI-CHAN!
!
闘魂
...


MATCH EIGHT, LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION, TWO ROUNDS!
SHOOTO
IN THE RED CORNER, FROM FIGHTERS BREW, YUDAI KITAMURA!
AND IN THE BLUE CORNER, FROM SGA,
HE'LL HIP TOSS YOU IF YOU GRAB HIM RECKLESSLY.
KUNIO OTANI!
GET CONTROL OF THE MATCH WITH STRIKING.
OKAY.
GOT IT.
SHOOTO
RODIES UNITED
HE'S GONNA BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR THROWS AND HOLDS.
FINE BY ME.
I WANNA SHOW THE FRUITS OF MY STRIKE TRAINING!
SHOOTO


カ DING
ァーン!
FIGHT!
BAP パン
ジュッ WHIFF
SHOOTO
ジュッ WHIFF
DON'T RUSH STRAIGHT IN, YUDAI!
WHIFF シュッ
STAY BACK.
SHOOTO SINCE 1985
MEASURE THE DISTANCE WITH JABS.
SHOOTO SINCE 1985


HOP
FWOO
WOW.
HE DODGED WITH A BACKSTEP.
BAM
I MADE CONTACT!
REMEMBER THIS RANGE!
WHISH


YOU'RE SWINGING TOO WIDE, YUDAI!
...
SHOOTO
SHOOTO
ヒュッ FWOO
ユッ
DAMN IT!
HE'S DODGING EVERYTHING!
TMP
タッ
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パB
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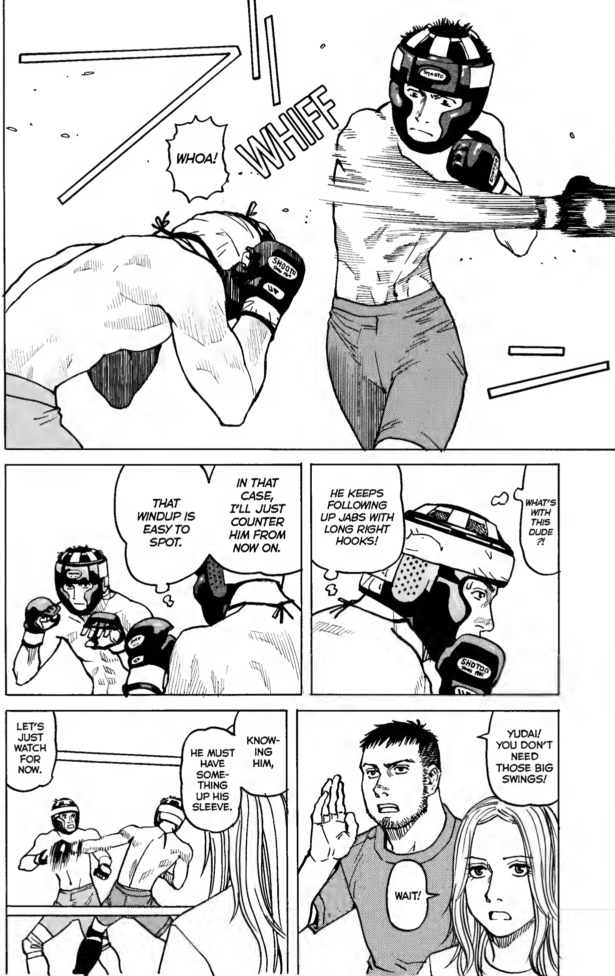
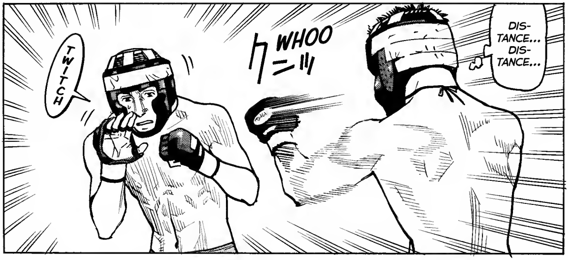
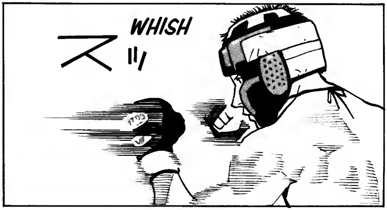
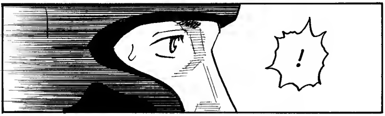

WHIFF
WHOA!
SHOOTO
WHAT'S WITH THIS DUDE?!
HE KEEPS FOLLOWING UP JABS WITH LONG RIGHT HOOKS!
THAT WINDUP IS EASY TO SPOT.
IN THAT CASE, I'LL JUST COUNTER HIM FROM NOW ON.
YUDAI! YOU DON'T NEED THOSE BIG SWINGS!
WAIT!
KNOWING HIM,
HE MUST HAVE SOMETHING UP HIS SLEEVE.
LET'S JUST WATCH FOR NOW.


DIS-TANCE... DIS-TANCE...
クニッ WHOO
TWITCH


スッ WHISH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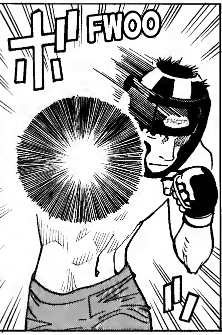
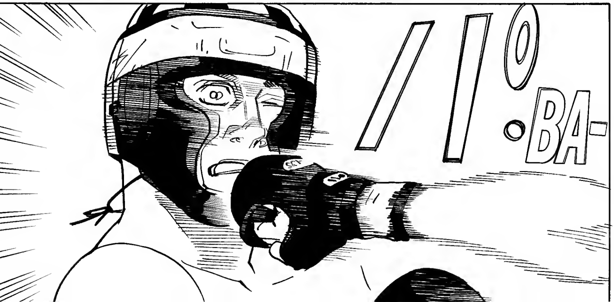

ボッ FWOO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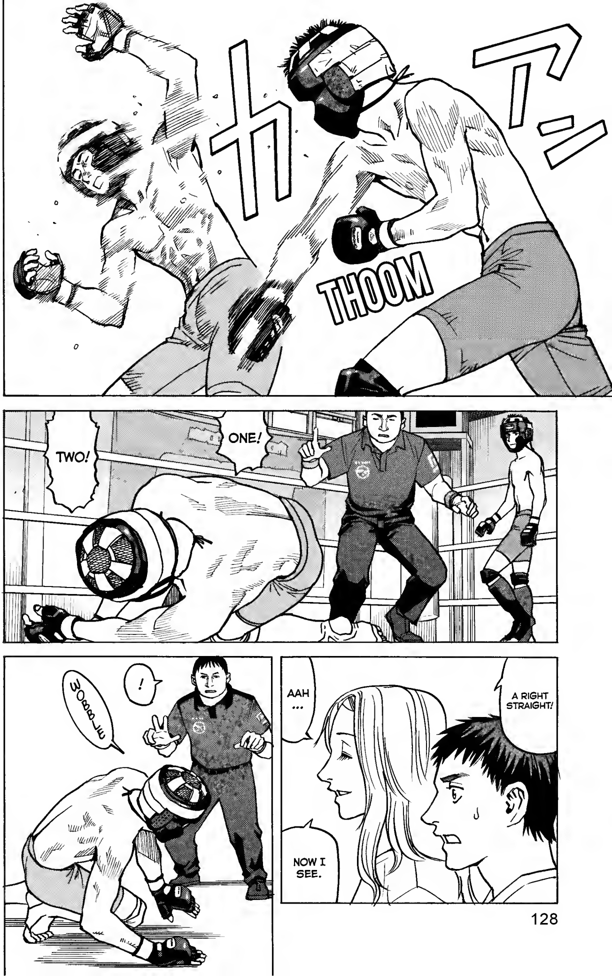
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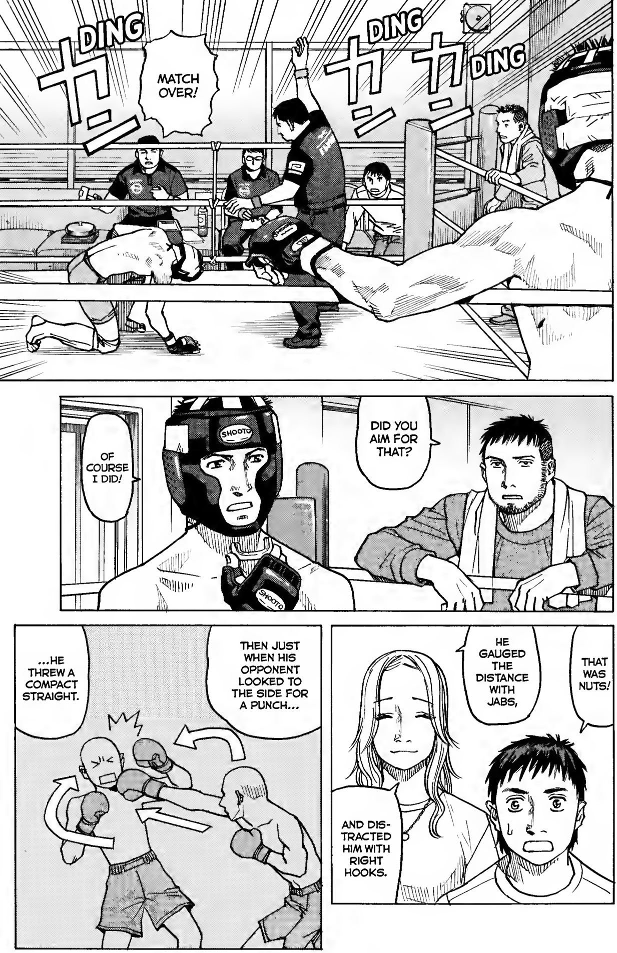
アン
THOOM
ONE!
TWO!
A RIGHT STRAIGHT!
AAH ...
NOW I SEE.
!
WOBBLE


DING
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DING
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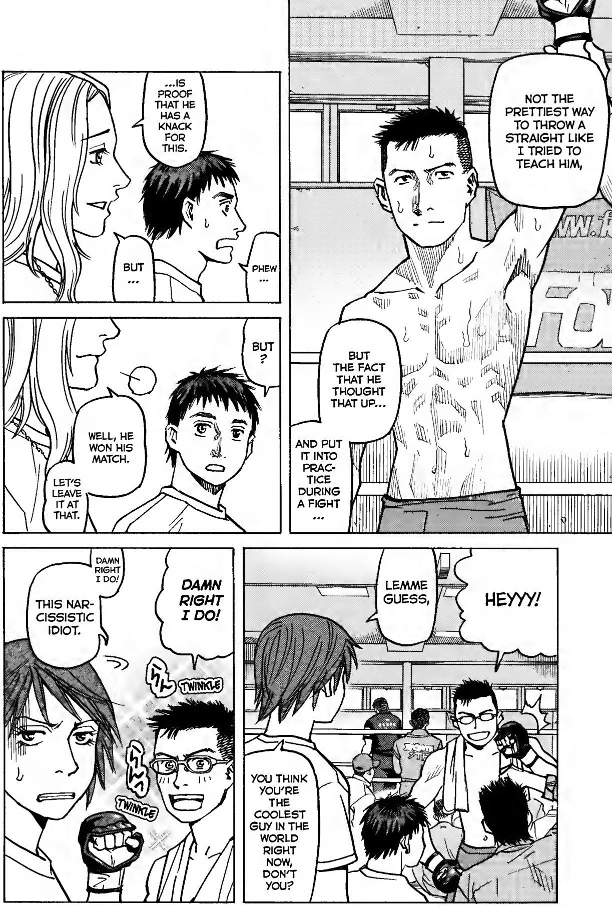
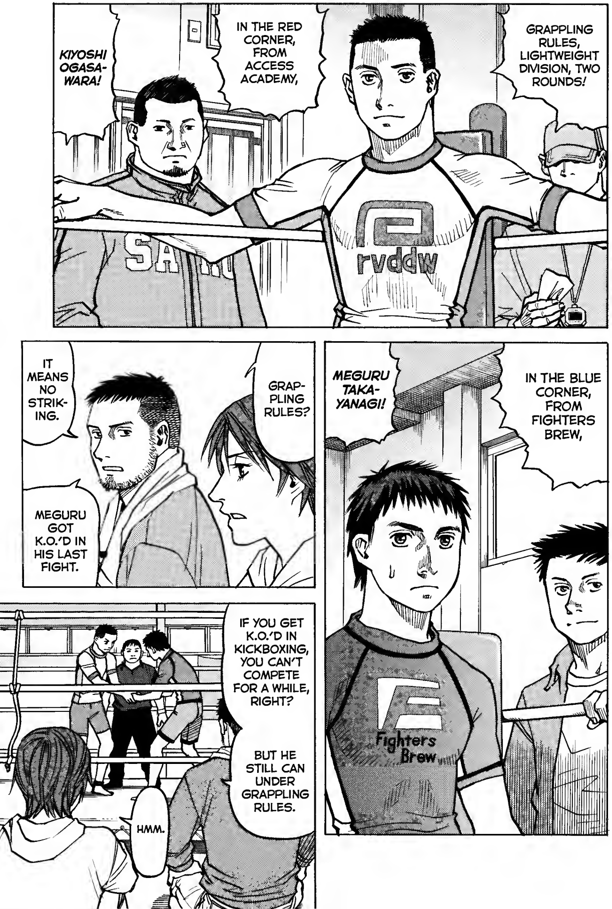
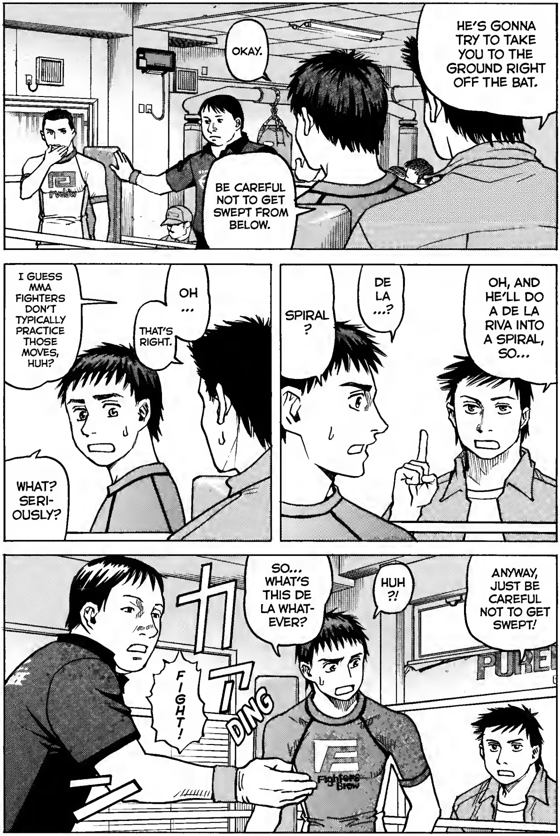
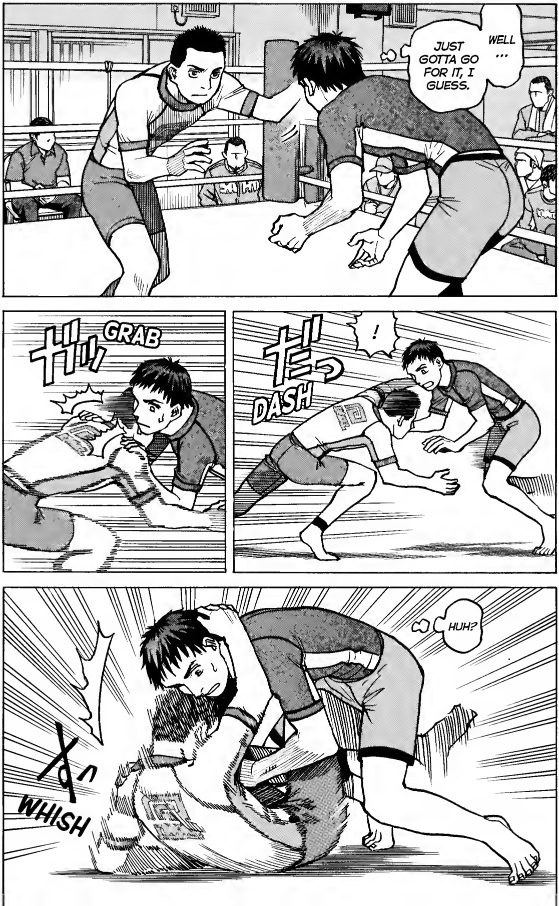
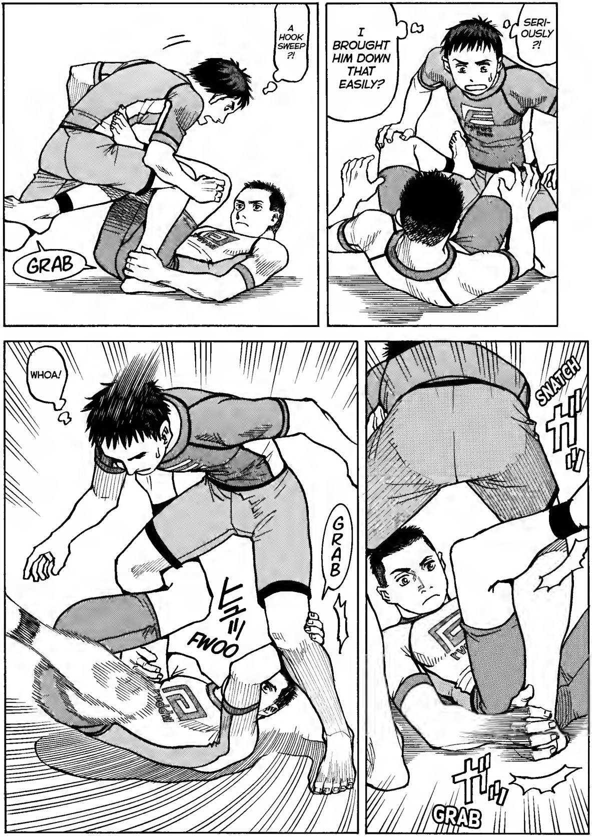
MATCH OVER!
DING
カン
DID YOU AIM FOR THAT?
OF COURSE I DID!
SHOOTO
THAT WAS NUTS!
HE GAUGED THE DISTANCE WITH JABS,
AND DISTRACTED HIM WITH RIGHT HOOKS.
THEN JUST WHEN HIS OPPONENT LOOKED TO THE SIDE FOR A PUNCH...
...HE THREW A COMPACT STRAIGHT.

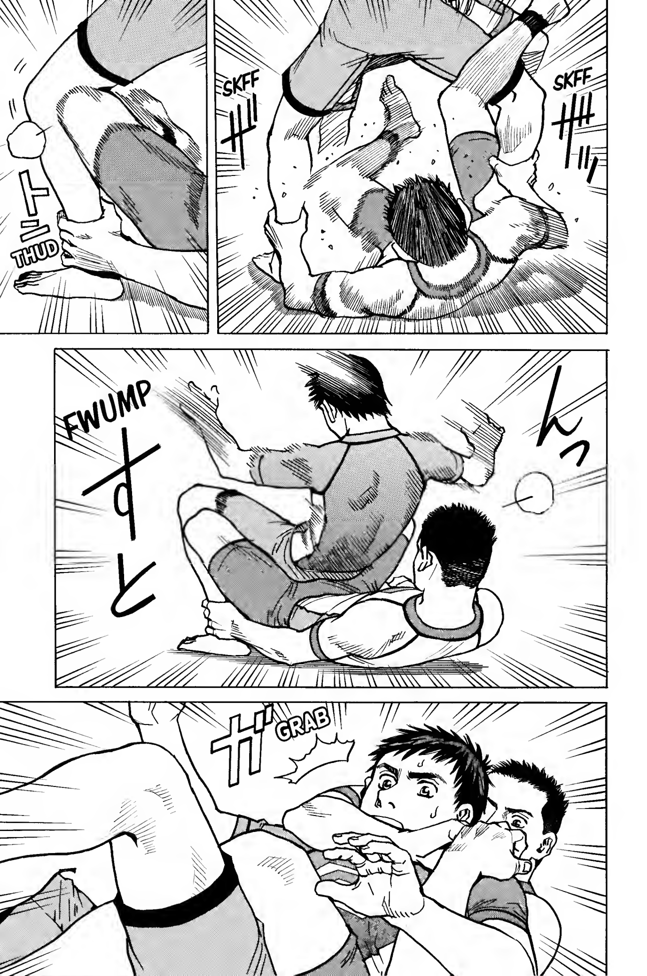

NOT THE PRETTIEST WAY TO THROW A STRAIGHT LIKE I TRIED TO TEACH HIM,
BUT THE FACT THAT HE THOUGHT THAT UP...
AND PUT IT INTO PRACTICE DURING A FIGHT...
...IS PROOF THAT HE HAS A KNACK FOR THIS.
PHEW...
BUT...
BUT?
WELL, HE WON HIS MATCH.
LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.
HEYYY!
LEMME GUESS,
YOU THINK YOU'RE THE COOLEST GUY IN THE WORLD RIGHT NOW, DON'T YOU?
DAMN RIGHT I DO!
らん TWINKLE
らん TWINKLE
DAMN RIGHT I DO!
THIS NARCISSISTIC IDIOT.


GRAPPLING RULES, LIGHTWEIGHT DIVISION, TWO ROUNDS!
IN THE RED CORNER, FROM ACCESS ACADEMY,
KIYOSHI OGASAWARA!
rvddw
SA
IN THE BLUE CORNER, FROM FIGHTERS BREW,
MEGURU TAKAYANAGI!
Fighters Brew
GRAPPLING RULES?
IT MEANS NO STRIKING.
MEGURU GOT K.O.'D IN HIS LAST FIGHT.
IF YOU GET K.O.'D IN KICKBOXING, YOU CAN'T COMPETE FOR A WHILE, RIGHT?
BUT HE STILL CAN UNDER GRAPPLING RULES.
HMM.


HE'S GONNA TRY TO TAKE YOU TO THE GROUND RIGHT OFF THE BAT.
OKAY.
BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET SWEPT FROM BELOW.
OH, AND HE'LL DO A DE LA RIVA INTO A SPIRAL, SO...
DE LA ...?
SPIRAL ?
OH ...
THAT'S RIGHT.
I GUESS MMA FIGHTERS DON'T TYPICALLY PRACTICE THOSE MOVES, HUH?
WHAT? SERIOUSLY?
ANYWAY, JUST BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET SWEPT!
HUH ?!
SO... WHAT'S THIS DE LA WHATEVER?
FIGHT!
DING
Fighters Brew


WELL ...
JUST GOTTA GO FOR IT, I GUESS.
!
だっ
DASH
ガッ
GRAB
HUH?
WHISH


A HOOK SWEEP ?!
GRAB
I BROUGHT HIM DOWN THAT EASILY?
SERI-OUSLY ?!
WHOA!
GRAB
ヒュッ
FWOO
SNATCH
ガッ
ガッ
GRAB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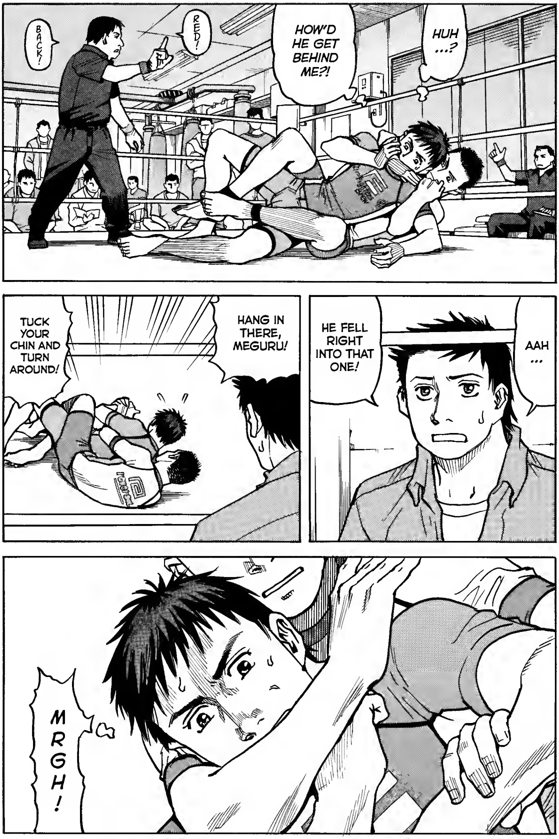
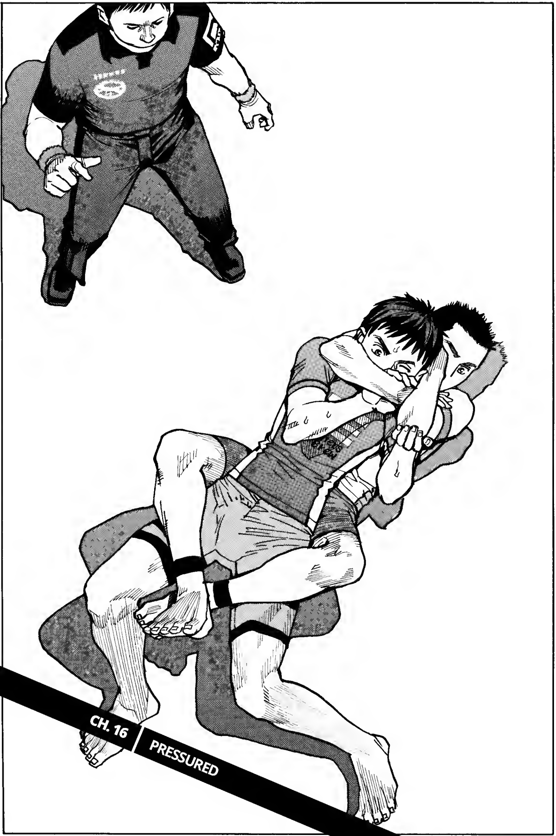

HUH ...?
HOW'D HE GET BEHIND ME?!
RED!
BACK!
AAH ...
HE FELL RIGHT INTO THAT ONE!
HANG IN THERE, MEGURU!
TUCK YOUR CHIN AND TURN AROUND!
MRGH!



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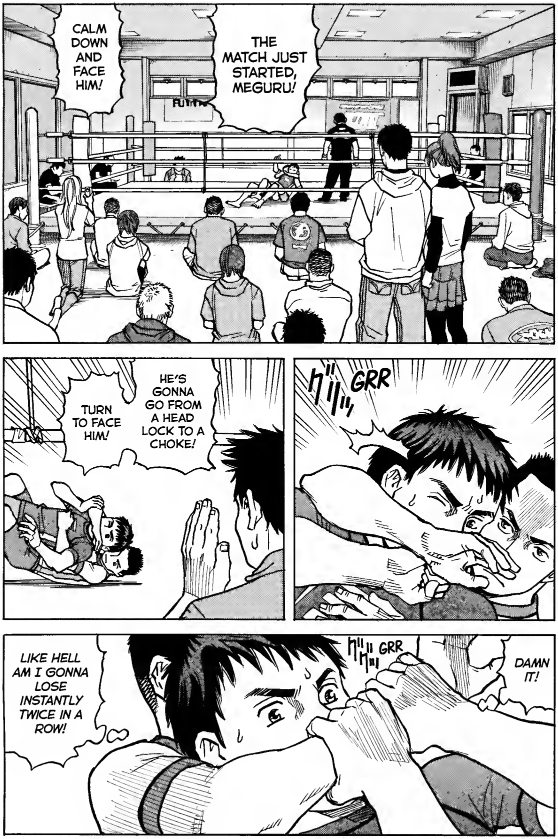
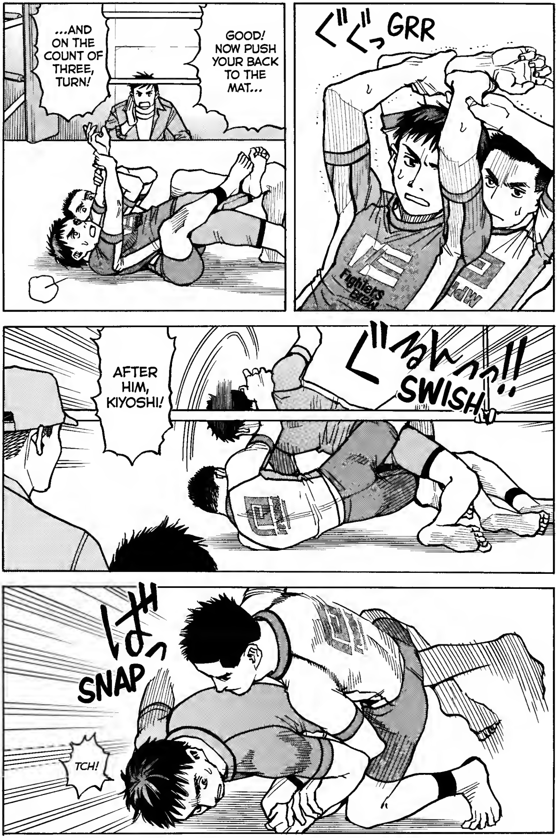
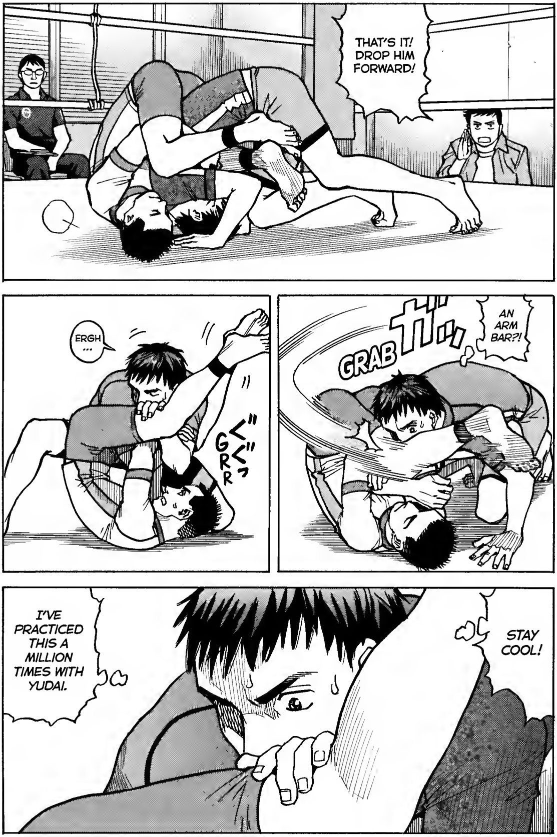
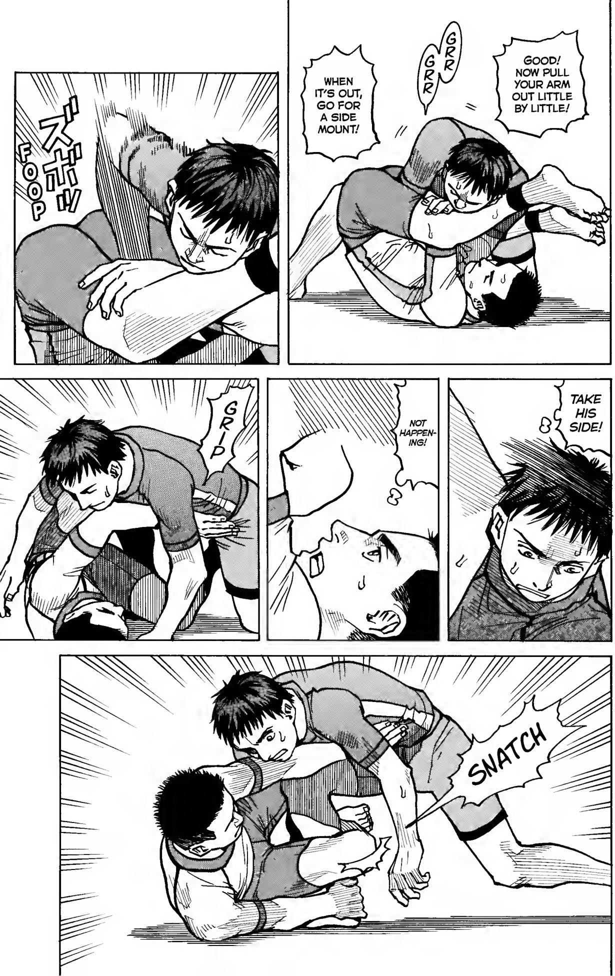
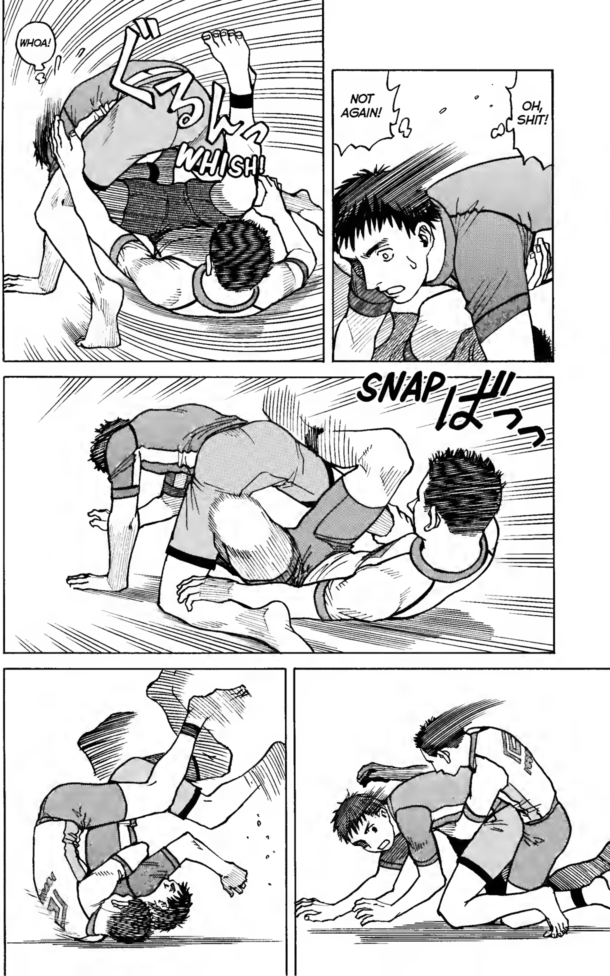
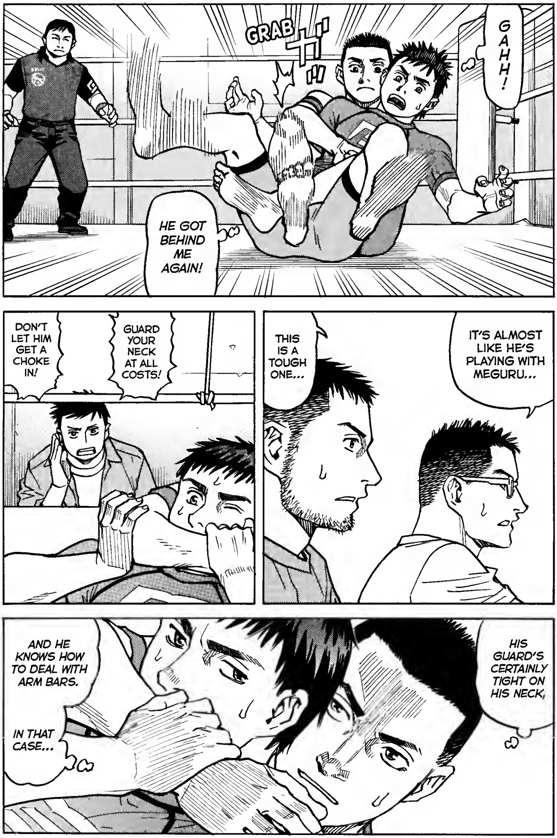

THE MATCH JUST STARTED, MEGURU!
CALM DOWN AND FACE HIM!
ギリ GRR
HE'S GONNA GO FROM A HEAD LOCK TO A CHOKE!
TURN TO FACE HIM!
DAMN IT!
ギリ ギリ GRR
LIKE HELL AM I GONNA LOSE INSTANTLY TWICE IN A ROW!

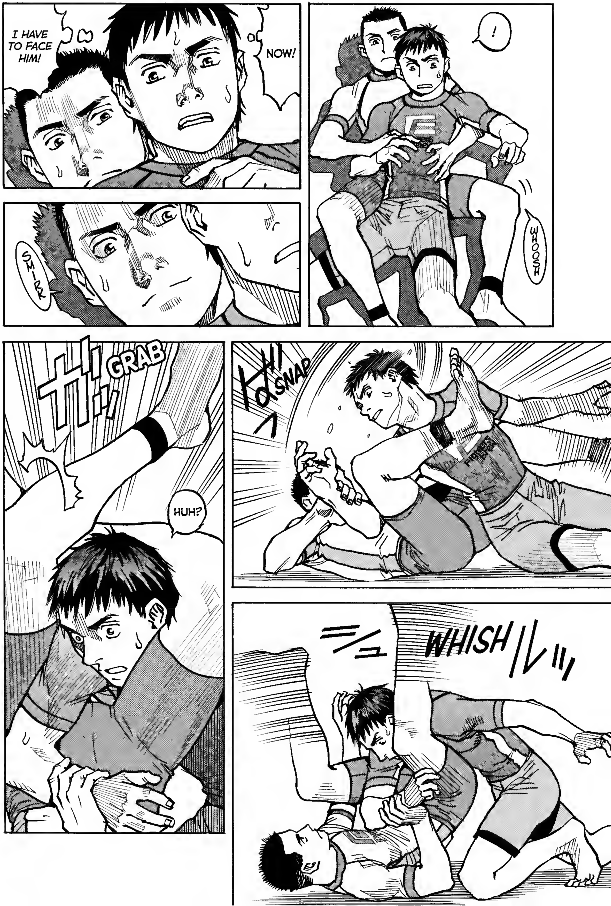

ぐぐっ GRR
GOOD! NOW PUSH YOUR BACK TO THE MAT...
...AND ON THE COUNT OF THREE, TURN!
ぐるんっ!! SWISH
AFTER HIM, KIYOSHI!
ばっ SNAP
TCH!

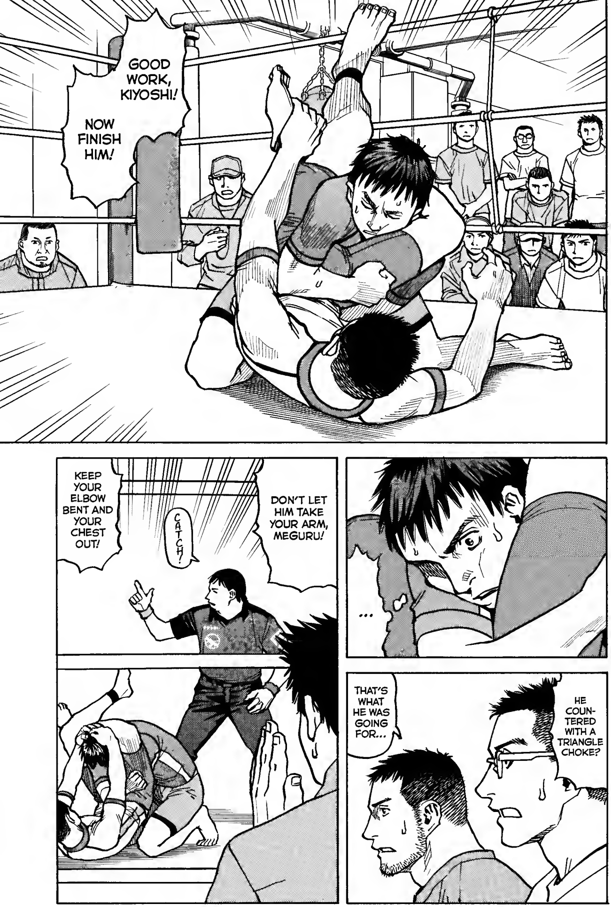

THAT'S IT! DROP HIM FORWARD!
AN ARM BAR?!
GRAB ガッ
ERGH ...
ぐぐっ GRR
STAY COOL!
I'VE PRACTICED THIS A MILLION TIMES WITH YUDAI.

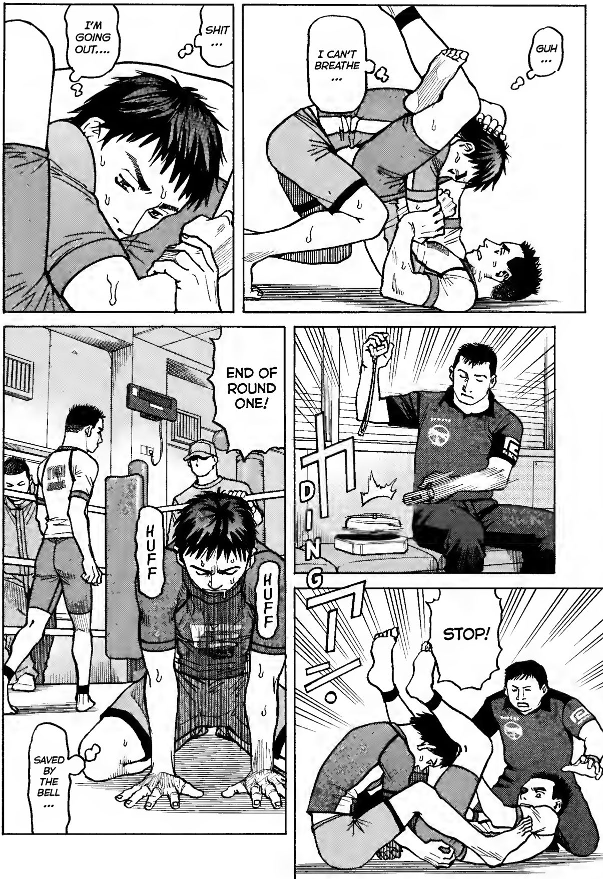

GOOD! NOW PULL YOUR ARM OUT LITTLE BY LITTLE!
GRR GRR
WHEN IT'S OUT, GO FOR A SIDE MOUNT!
ズボッ
FOOP
TAKE HIS SIDE!
NOT HAPPENING!
GRIP
SNATCH

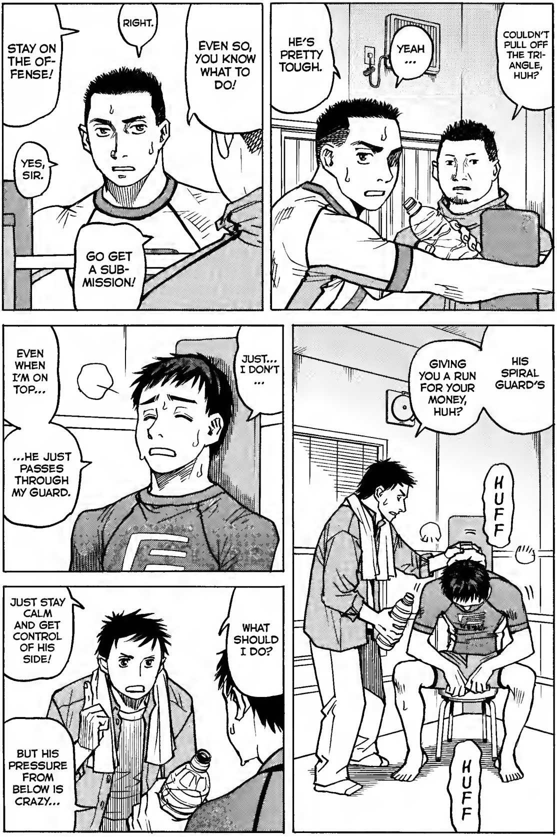

OH, SHIT!
NOT AGAIN!
WHOA!
ぐるんっ
WHISH!
SNAP
ばっっ

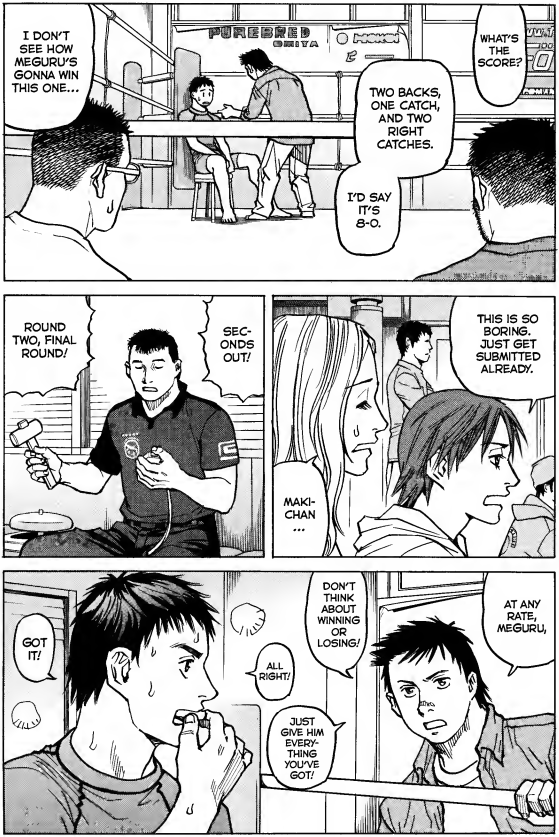

GAHH!
GRAB
ガッ
HE GOT BEHIND ME AGAIN!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE HE'S PLAYING WITH MEGURU...
THIS IS A TOUGH ONE...
GUARD YOUR NECK AT ALL COSTS!
DON'T LET HIM GET A CHOKE IN!
HIS GUARD'S CERTAINLY TIGHT ON HIS NECK,
AND HE KNOWS HOW TO DEAL WITH ARM BARS.
IN THAT CASE...

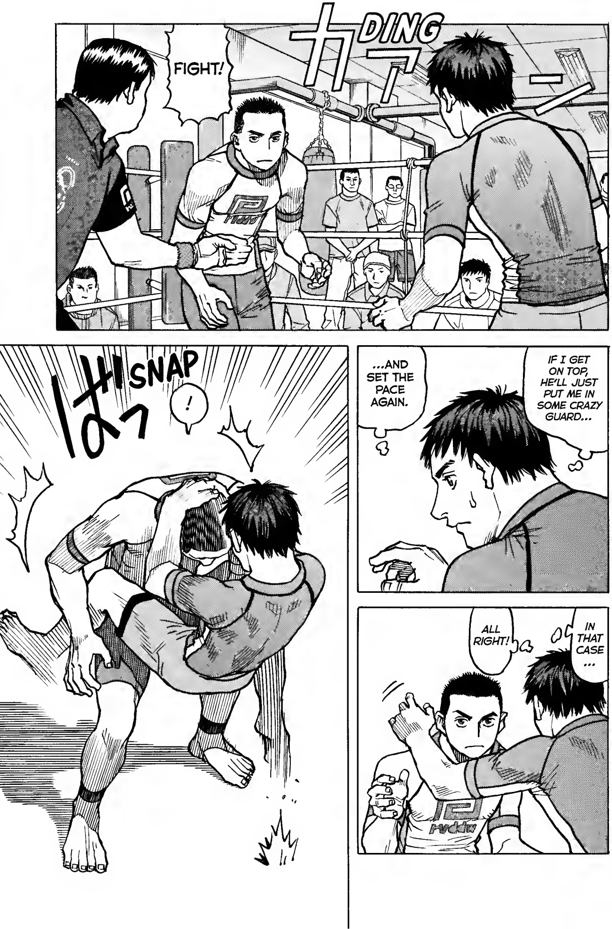

!
WHOOSH
I HAVE TO FACE HIM!
NOW!
SMIRK
SNAP
GRAB
HUH?
WHISH

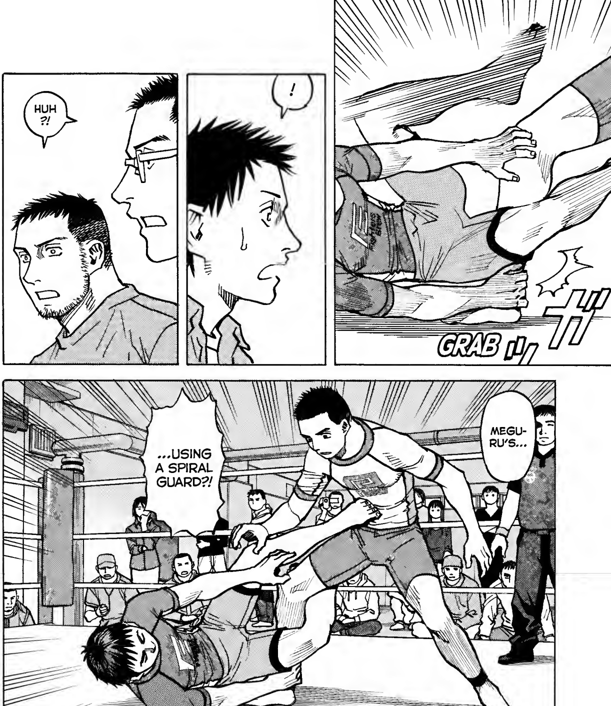

GOOD WORK, KIYOSHI!
NOW FINISH HIM!
...
DON'T LET HIM TAKE YOUR ARM, MEGURU!
CATCH!
KEEP YOUR ELBOW BENT AND YOUR CHEST OUT!
HE COUNTERED WITH A TRIANGLE CHOKE?
THAT'S WHAT HE WAS GOING FOR...

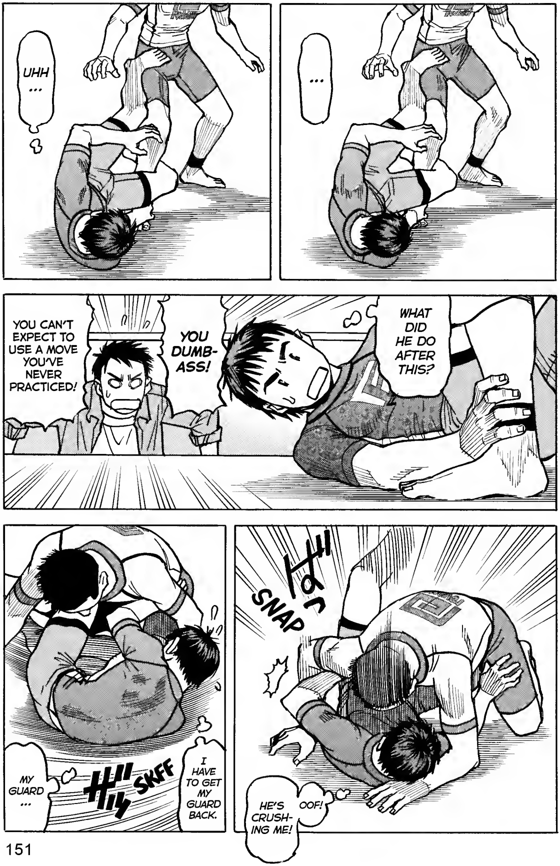

GUH ...
I CAN'T BREATHE ...
SHIT ...
I'M GOING OUT....
DING
STOP!
END OF ROUND ONE!
HUFF
HUFF
SAVED BY THE BELL ...

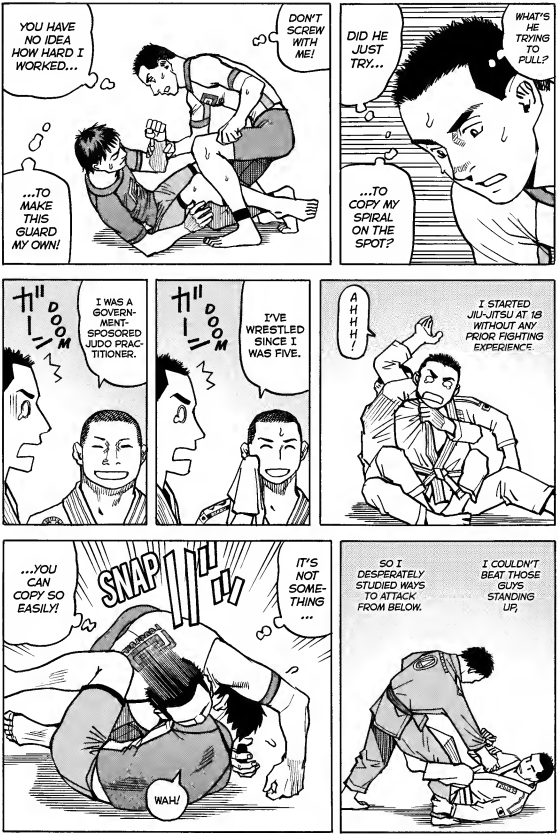

COULDN'T PULL OFF THE TRIANGLE, HUH?
YEAH...
HE'S PRETTY TOUGH.
EVEN SO, YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO!
RIGHT.
STAY ON THE OFFENSE!
YES, SIR.
GO GET A SUBMISSION!
HIS SPIRAL GUARD'S
GIVING YOU A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY, HUH?
HUFF
HUFF
JUST... I DON'T...
EVEN WHEN I'M ON TOP...
...HE JUST PASSES THROUGH MY GUARD.
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
JUST STAY CALM AND GET CONTROL OF HIS SIDE!
BUT HIS PRESSURE FROM BELOW IS CRAZY...

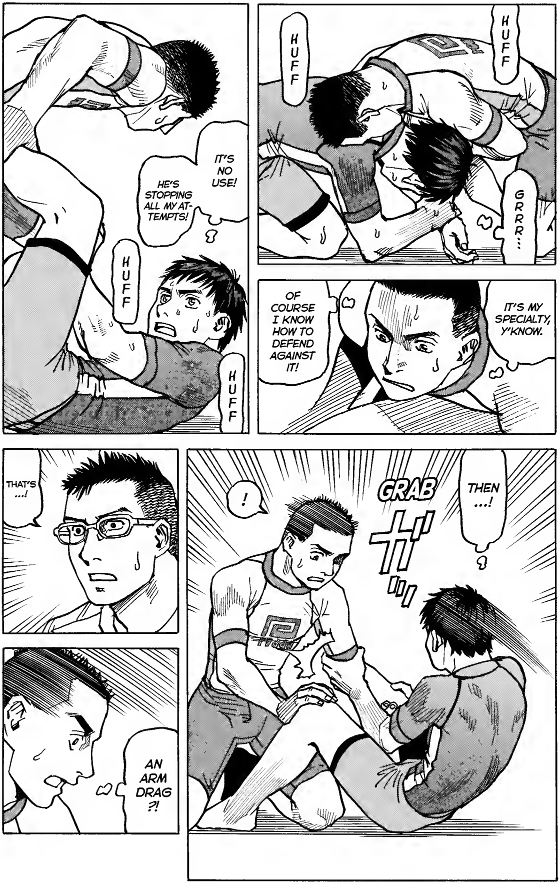

PUREBRED
OMIYA
WHAT'S THE SCORE?
TWO BACKS, ONE CATCH, AND TWO RIGHT CATCHES.
I'D SAY IT'S 8-0.
I DON'T SEE HOW MEGURU'S GONNA WIN THIS ONE...
THIS IS SO BORING. JUST GET SUBMITTED ALREADY.
MAKI-CHAN...
SECONDS OUT!
ROUND TWO, FINAL ROUND!
AT ANY RATE, MEGURU,
DON'T THINK ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING!
ALL RIGHT!
JUST GIVE HIM EVERYTHING YOU'VE GOT!
GOT IT!

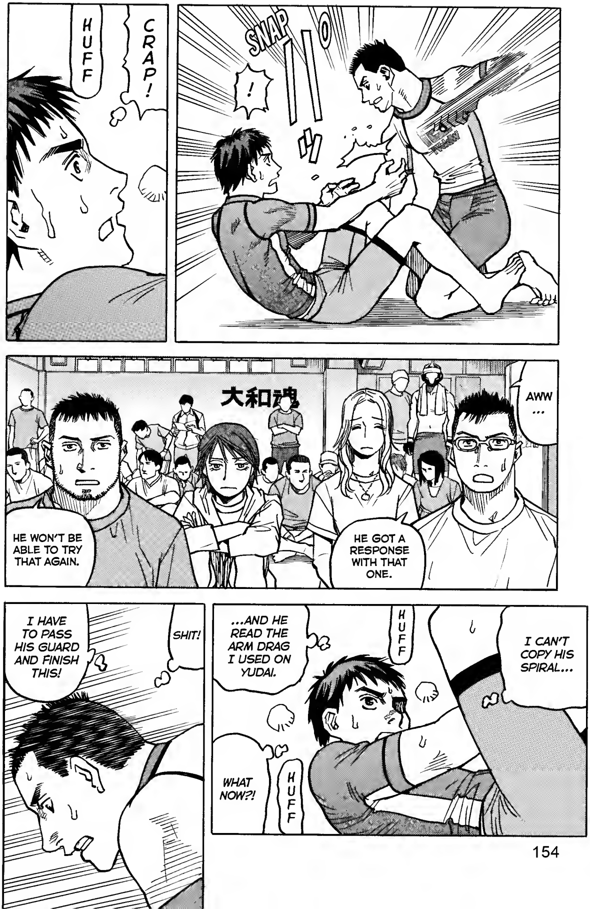

カアー
DING
FIGHT!
IF I GET ON TOP, HE'LL JUST PUT ME IN SOME CRAZY GUARD...
...AND SET THE PACE AGAIN.
IN THAT CASE...
ALL RIGHT!
はっ
SNAP
!

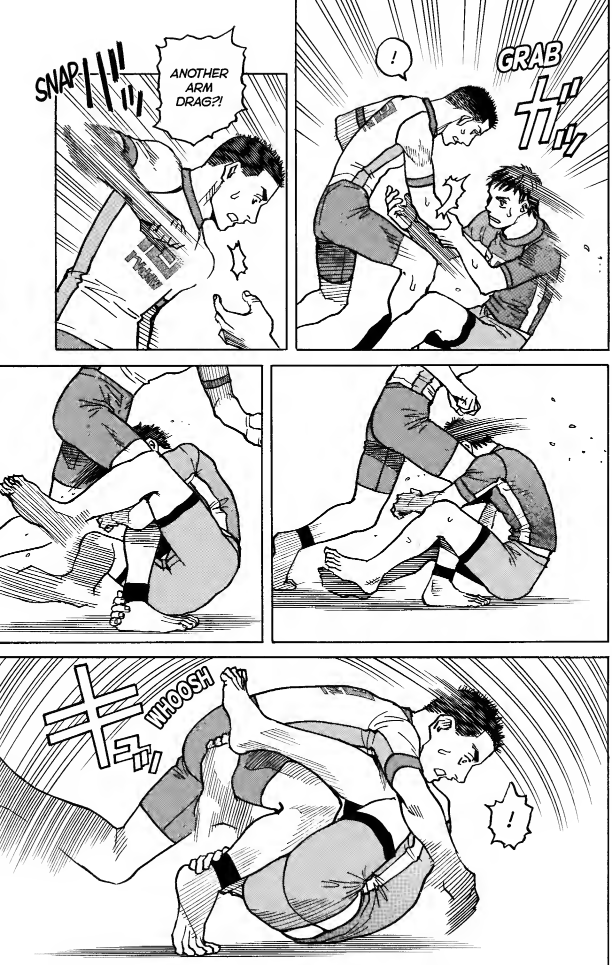

GRAB
ガ
!
HUH ?!
MEGURU'S...
...USING A SPIRAL GUARD?!
DON'T TELL ME...
...HE USES SPIRAL TECHNIQUES, TOO!

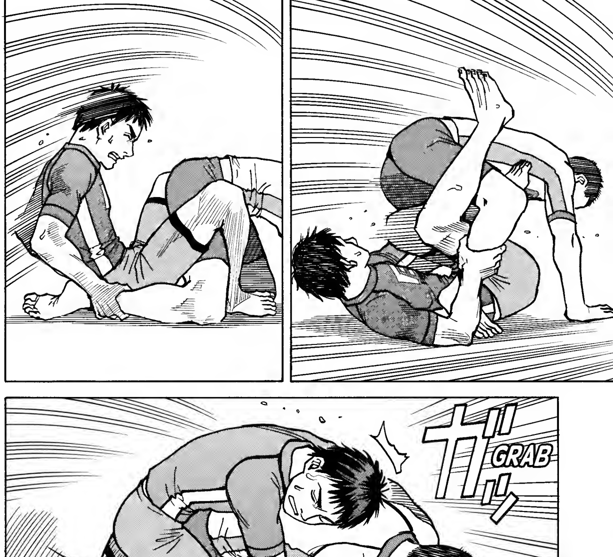

UHH …
…
YOU CAN'T EXPECT TO USE A MOVE YOU'VE NEVER PRACTICED!
YOU DUMB-ASS!
WHAT DID HE DO AFTER THIS?
MY GUARD …
SKFF
I HAVE TO GET MY GUARD BACK.
ばっ
SNAP
HE'S CRUSHING ME!
OOF!

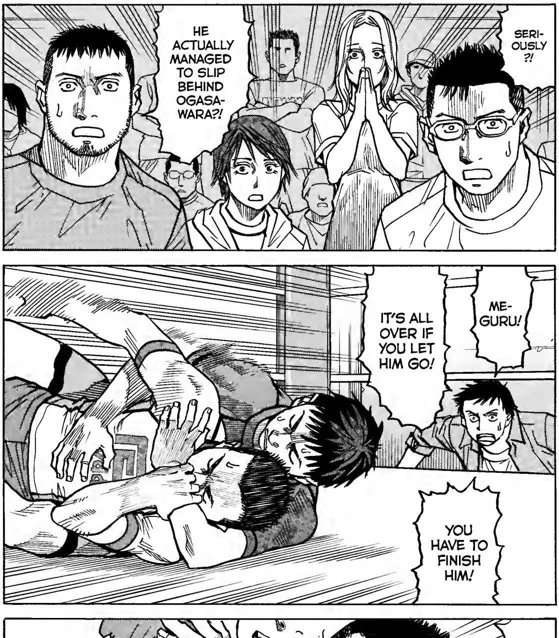

WHAT'S HE TRYING TO PULL?
DID HE JUST TRY...
...TO COPY MY SPIRAL ON THE SPOT?
DON'T SCREW WITH ME!
YOU HAVE NO IDEA HOW HARD I WORKED...
...TO MAKE THIS GUARD MY OWN!
I STARTED JIU-JITSU AT 18 WITHOUT ANY PRIOR FIGHTING EXPERIENCE.
AHHH!
ガーン DOOM
I'VE WRESTLED SINCE I WAS FIVE.
ガーン DOOM
I WAS A GOVERNMENT-SPOSORED JUDO PRACTITIONER.
I COULDN'T BEAT THOSE GUYS STANDING UP,
SO I DESPERATELY STUDIED WAYS TO ATTACK FROM BELOW.
IT'S NOT SOMETHING...
SNAP
...YOU CAN COPY SO EASILY!
WAH!

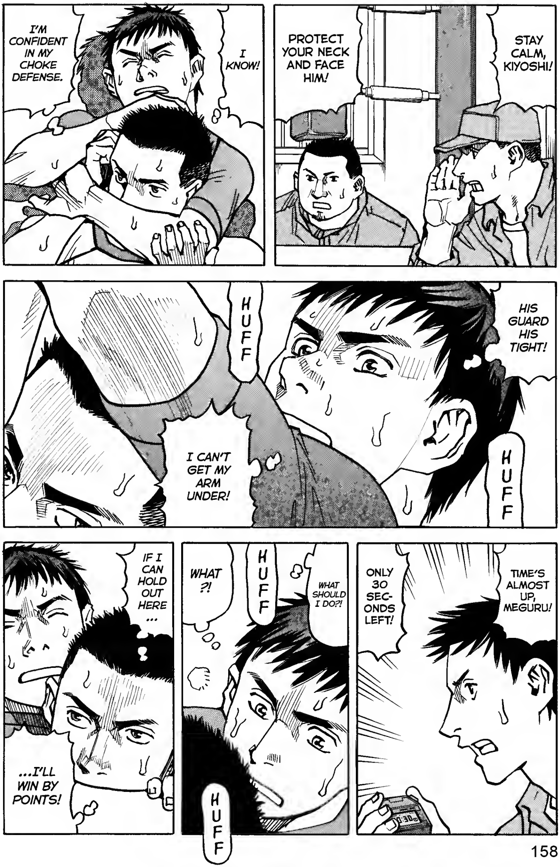

HUFF
HUFF
GRRR...
IT'S NO USE!
HE'S STOPPING ALL MY ATTEMPTS!
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S MY SPECIALTY, Y'KNOW.
OF COURSE I KNOW HOW TO DEFEND AGAINST IT!
THEN ...!
GRAB
ガッ
!
THAT'S ...!
AN ARM DRAG ?!

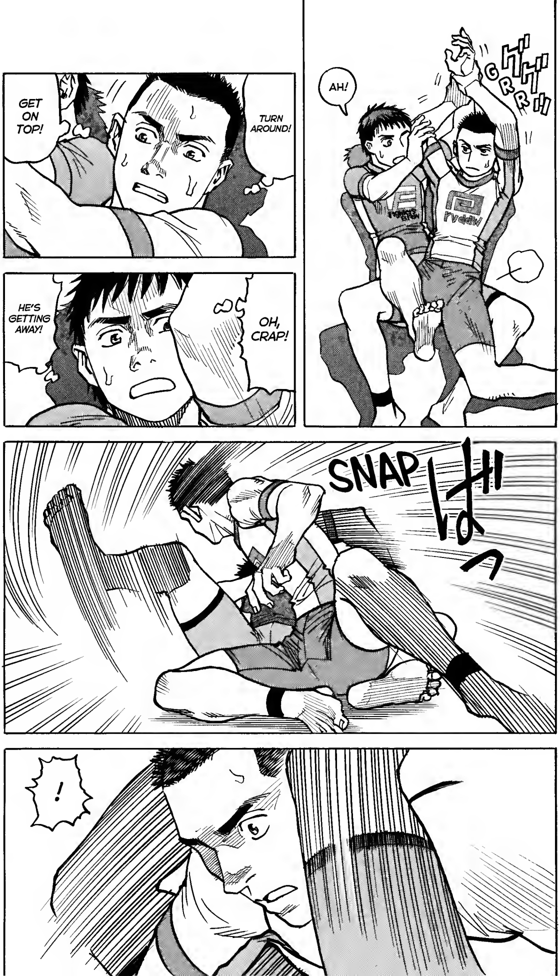

SNAP
!
CRAP!
HUFF
大和魂
AWW...
HE GOT A RESPONSE WITH THAT ONE.
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TRY THAT AGAIN.
I CAN'T COPY HIS SPIRAL...
HUFF
...AND HE READ THE ARM DRAG I USED ON YUDAI.
HUFF
WHAT NOW?!
SHIT!
I HAVE TO PASS HIS GUARD AND FINISH THIS!

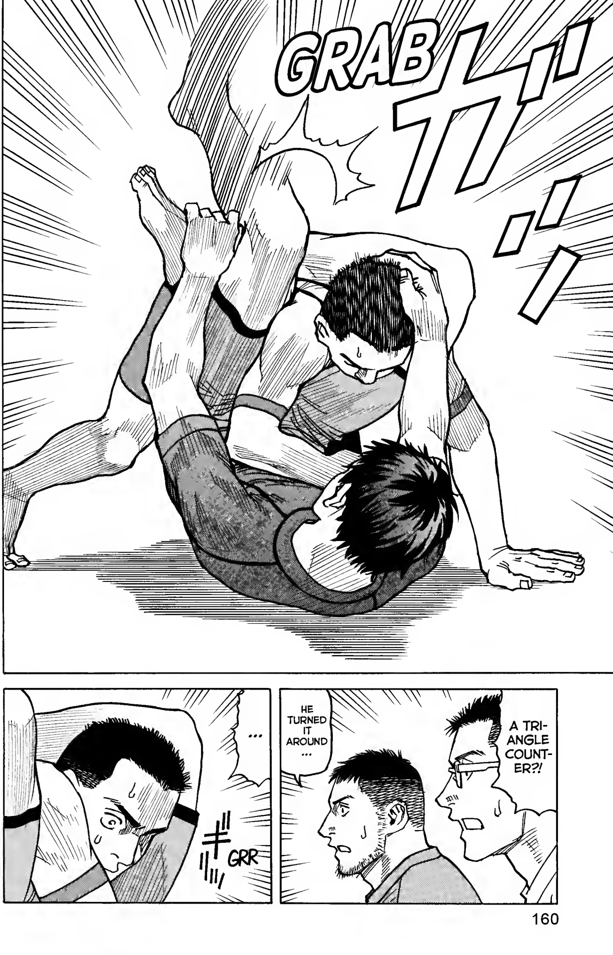

!
GRAB
ガッ
ANOTHER ARM DRAG?!
SNAP
バッ
WHOOSH
ギュッ
!

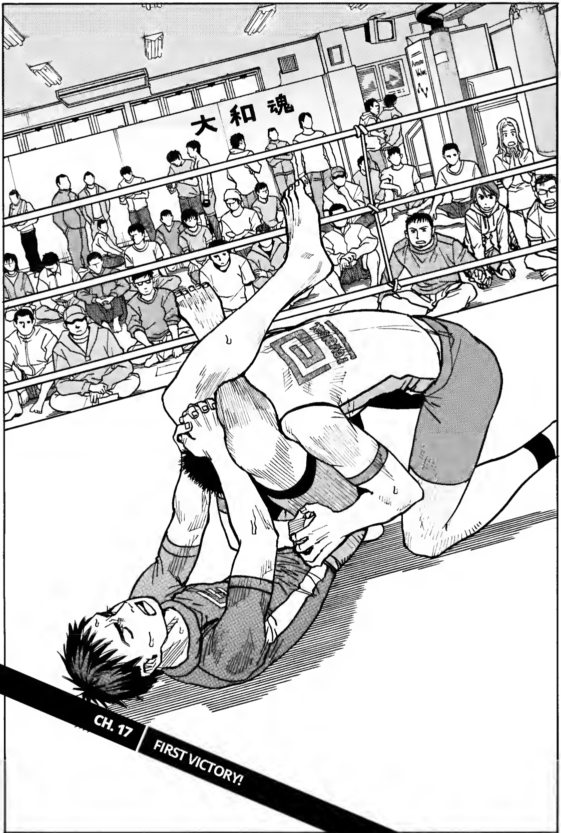

ガッ
GRAB
HUH ?
HE SWITCHED FROM AN ARM DRAG...
...TO A SPIRAL.
NO WAY!
HE GOT BEHIND ME?!


SERIOUSLY?!
HE ACTUALLY MANAGED TO SLIP BEHIND OGASAWARA?!
MEGURU!
IT'S ALL OVER IF YOU LET HIM GO!
YOU HAVE TO FINISH HIM!
SHIT!
I CAN'T BELIEVE HE TOOK MY BACK, EVEN IF IT WAS JUST A COINCIDENCE!


STAY CALM, KIYOSHI!
PROTECT YOUR NECK AND FACE HIM!
I KNOW!
I'M CONFIDENT IN MY CHOKE DEFENSE.
HIS GUARD HIS TIGHT!
HUFF
HUFF
I CAN'T GET MY ARM UNDER!
TIME'S ALMOST UP, MEGURU!
ONLY 30 SECONDS LEFT!
WHAT SHOULD I DO?!
HUFF
WHAT ?!
HUFF
IF I CAN HOLD OUT HERE...
...I'LL WIN BY POINTS!


AH!
GRR!!
TURN AROUND!
GET ON TOP!
OH, CRAP!
HE'S GETTING AWAY!
SNAP
ばっ
!


GRAB
ガッ
A TRIANGLE COUNTER?!
HE TURNED IT AROUND ...
...
GRR


大和魂
Amino Value

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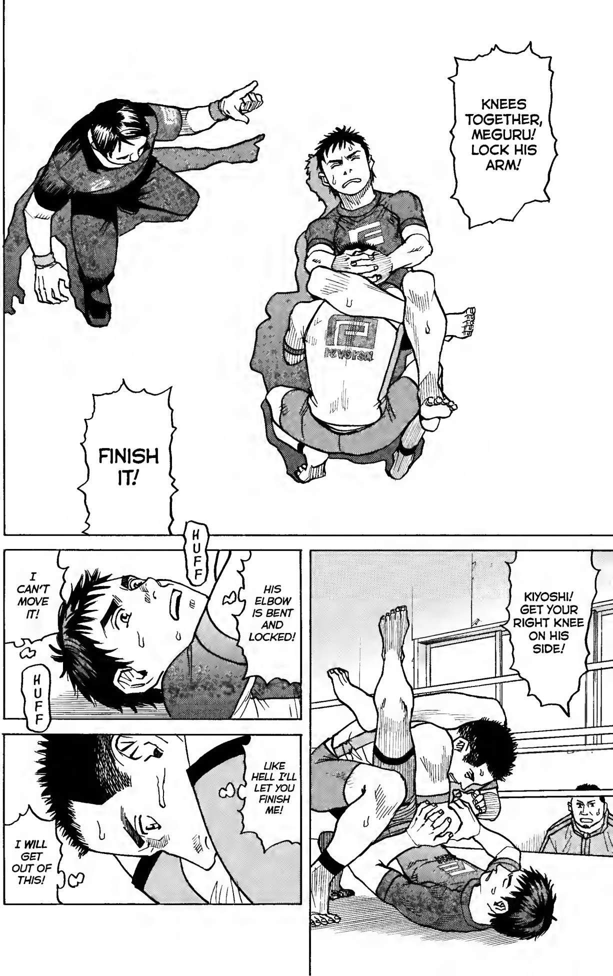
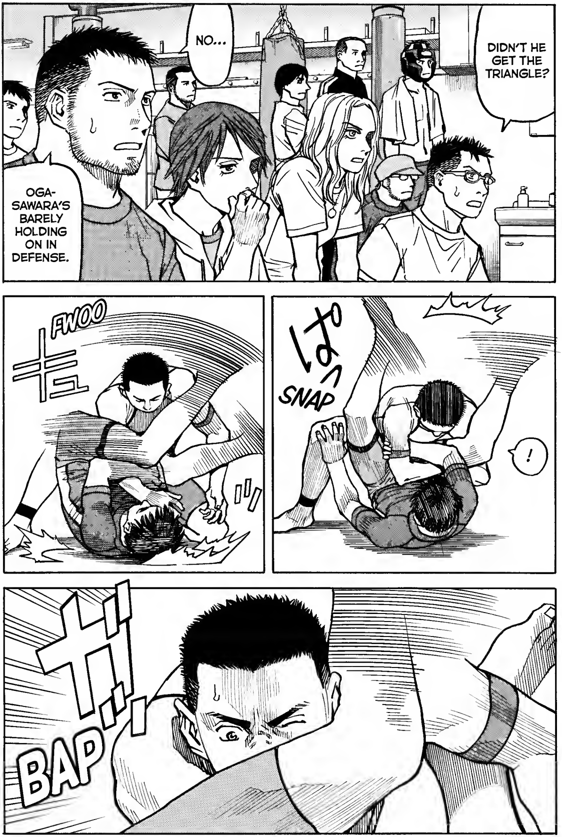
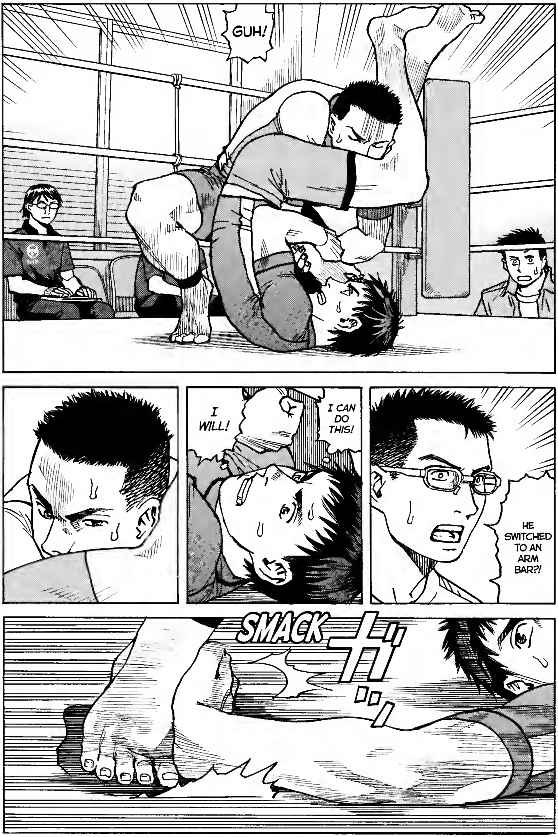
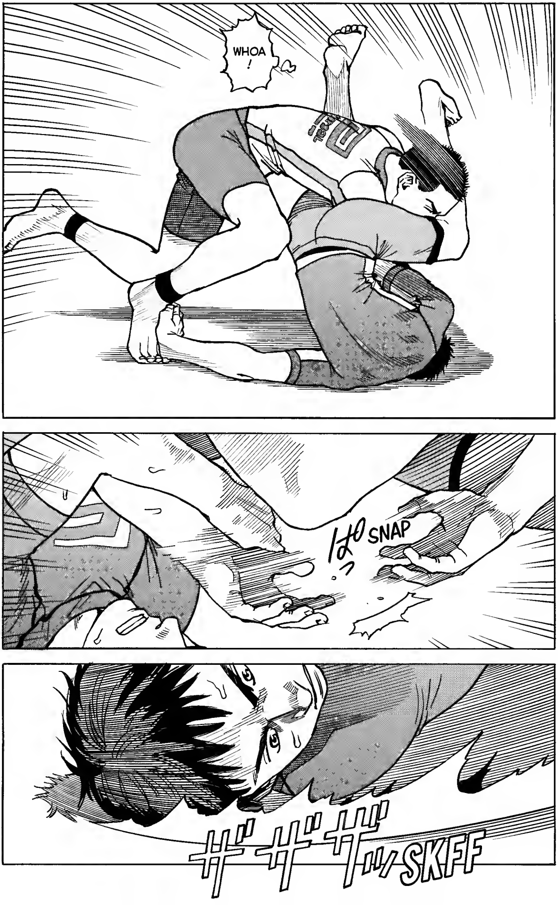
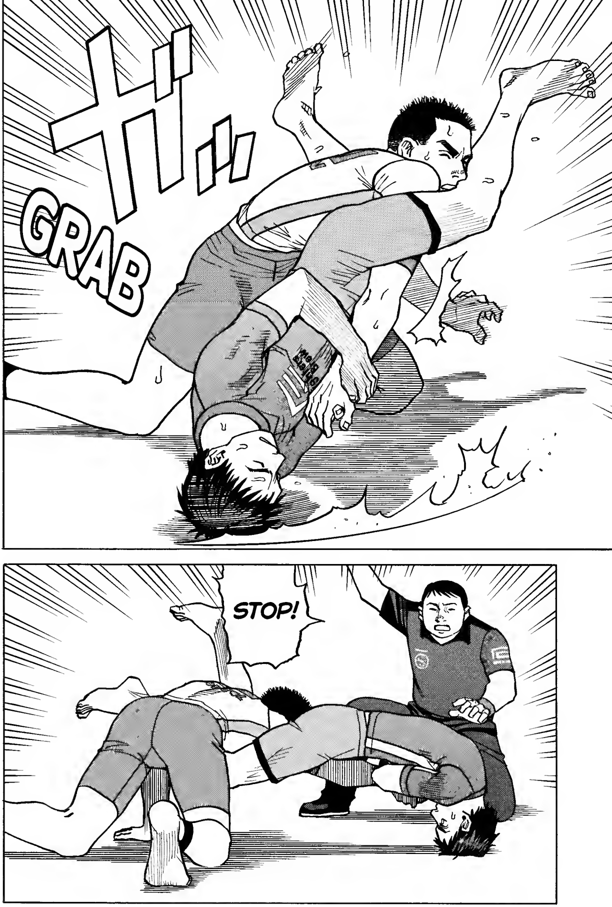
FIRST VICTORY!

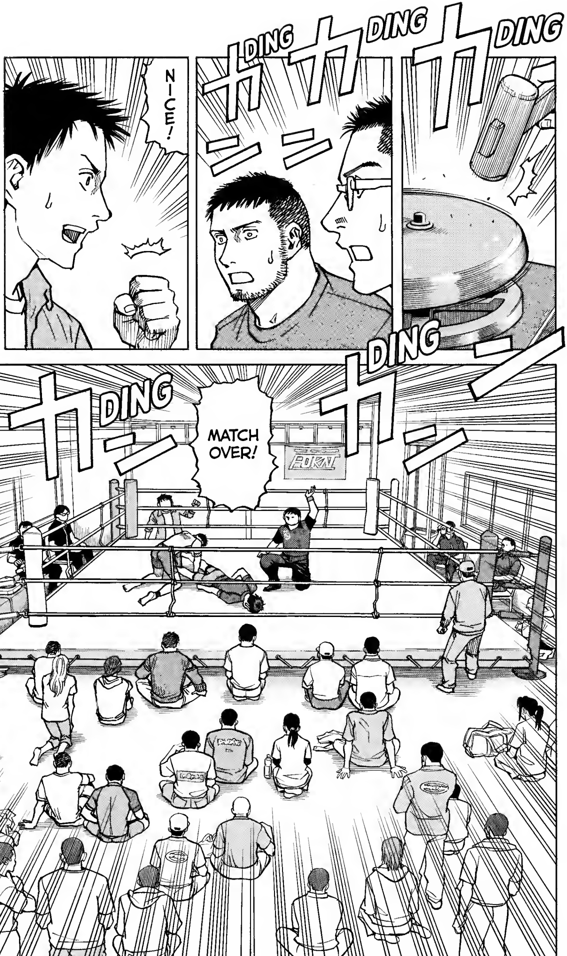

KNEES TOGETHER, MEGURU! LOCK HIS ARM!
reversal
FINISH IT!
KIYOSHI! GET YOUR RIGHT KNEE ON HIS SIDE!
HUFF
HIS ELBOW IS BENT AND LOCKED!
I CAN'T MOVE IT!
HUFF
LIKE HELL I'LL LET YOU FINISH ME!
I WILL GET OUT OF THIS!


DIDN'T HE GET THE TRIANGLE?
NO...
OGA-SAWARA'S BARELY HOLDING ON IN DEFENSE.
ぱっ
SNAP
!
ギュ
FWOO
ガッ
BAP


GUH!
HE SWITCHED TO AN ARM BAR?!
I CAN DO THIS!
I WILL!
SMACK
ガッ


WHOA!
はっ SNAP
ザザザッ SKFF


ギッ
GRAB
STOP!


DING
カーン
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NICE!
DING
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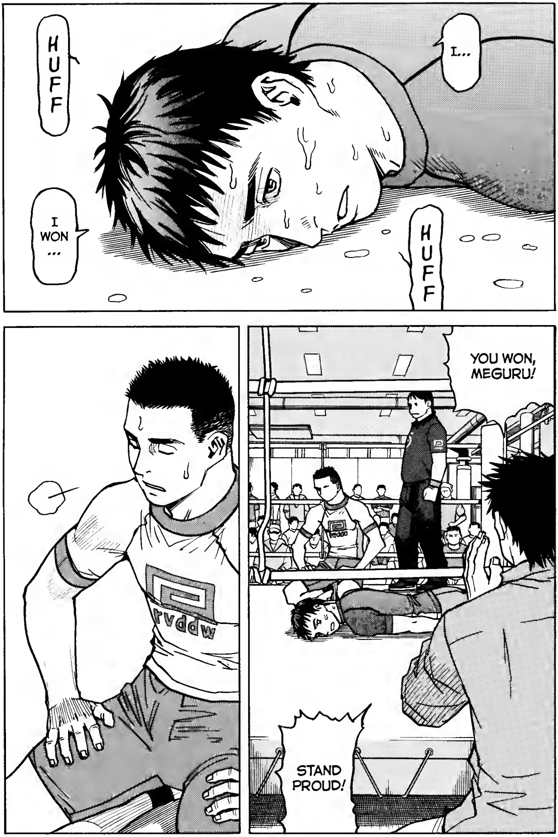
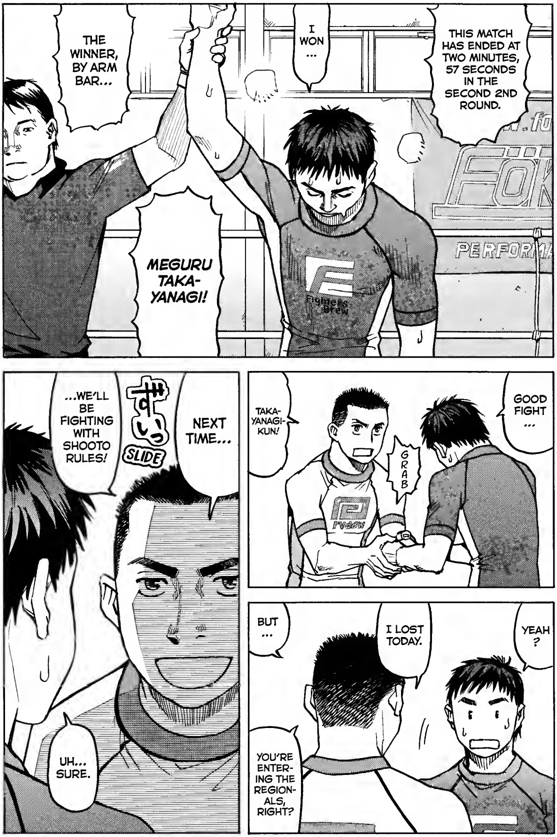
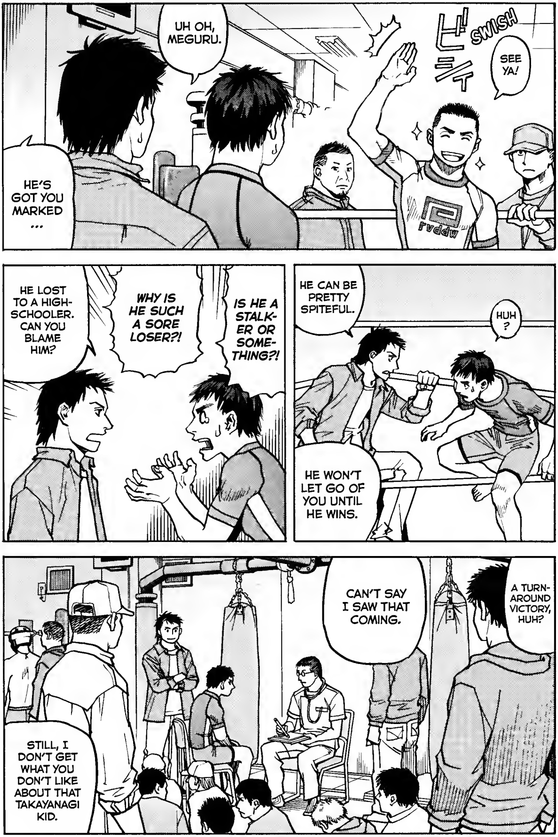
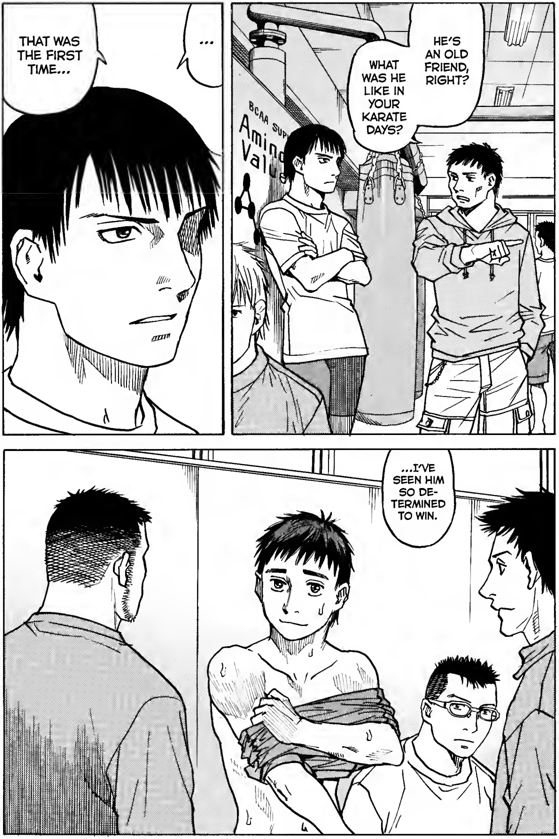
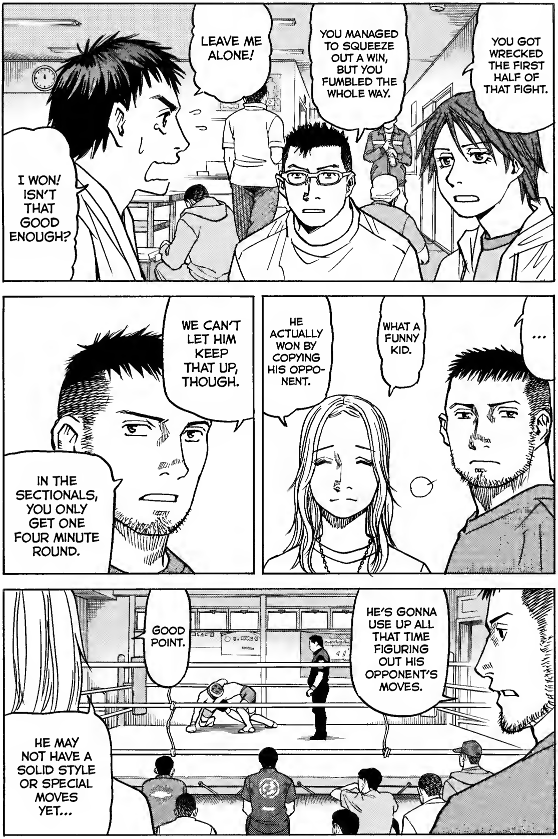
MATCH OVER!
DING
カーン

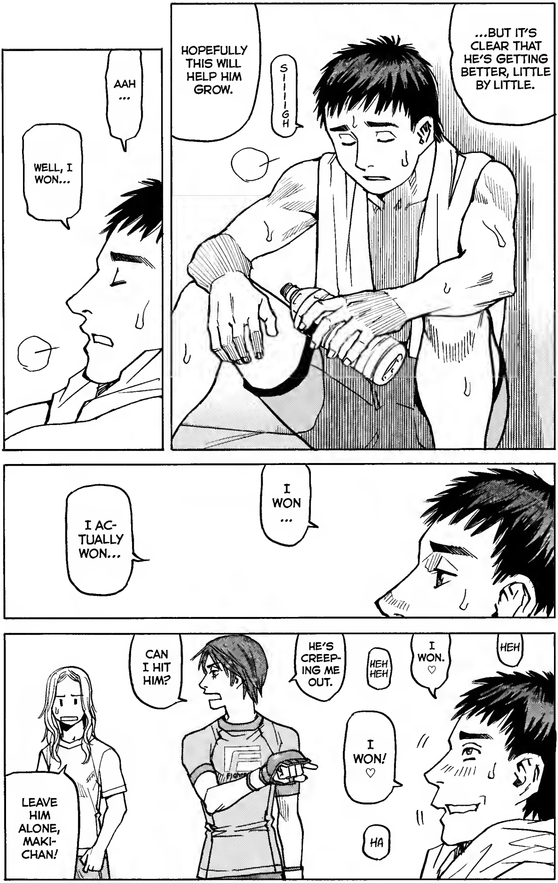

I...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I WON...
YOU WON, MEGURU!
STAND PROUD!

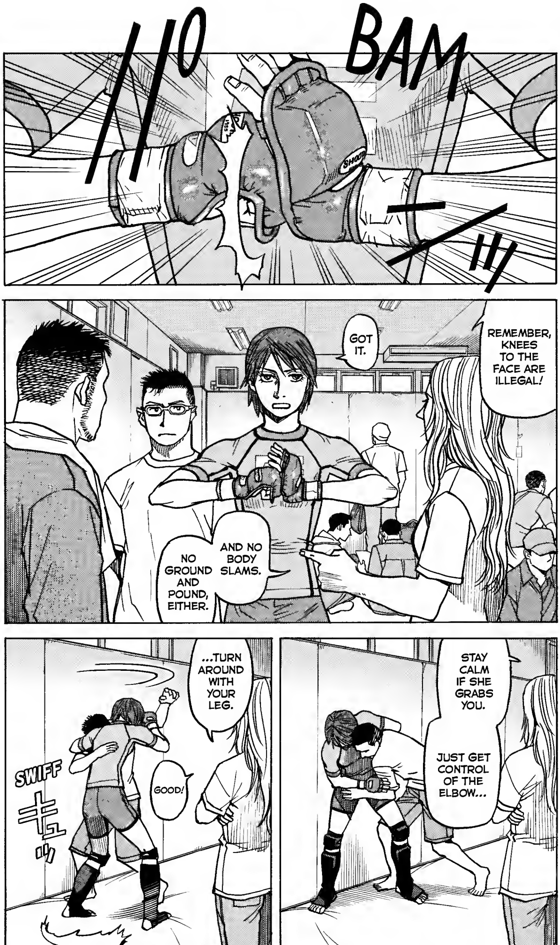

THIS MATCH HAS ENDED AT TWO MINUTES, 57 SECONDS IN THE SECOND 2ND ROUND.
I WON ...
THE WINNER, BY ARM BAR...
MEGURU TAKA-YANAGI!
GOOD FIGHT ...
GRAB
TAKA-YANAGI-KUN!
YEAH ?
I LOST TODAY.
BUT ...
YOU'RE ENTERING THE REGIONALS, RIGHT?
NEXT TIME...
ずいっ SLIDE
...WE'LL BE FIGHTING WITH SHOOTO RULES!
UH... SURE.

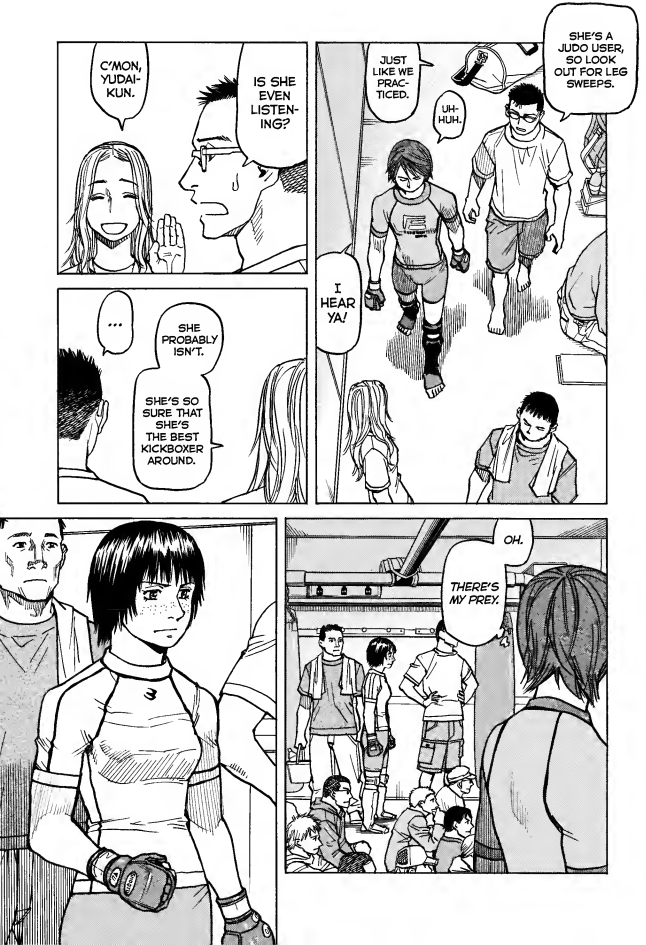

ビシィ
SWISH
SEE YA!
UH OH, MEGURU.
HE'S GOT YOU MARKED ...
HE CAN BE PRETTY SPITEFUL.
HUH?
HE WON'T LET GO OF YOU UNTIL HE WINS.
IS HE A STALKER OR SOMETHING?!
WHY IS HE SUCH A SORE LOSER?!
HE LOST TO A HIGH-SCHOOLER. CAN YOU BLAME HIM?
A TURNAROUND VICTORY, HUH?
CAN'T SAY I SAW THAT COMING.
STILL, I DON'T GET WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT THAT TAKAYANAGI KID.

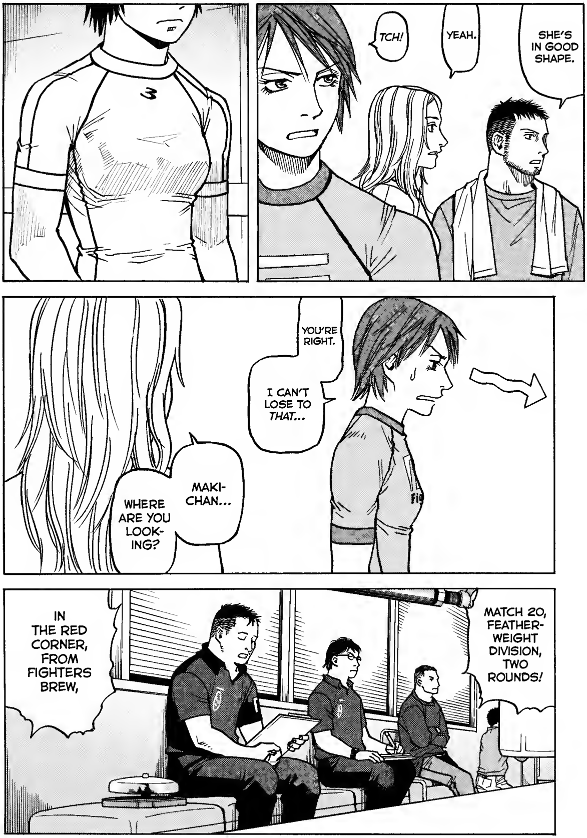

HE'S AN OLD FRIEND, RIGHT?
WHAT WAS HE LIKE IN YOUR KARATE DAYS?
BCAA SUP
Amino Value
...
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME...
...I'VE SEEN HIM SO DETERMINED TO WIN.

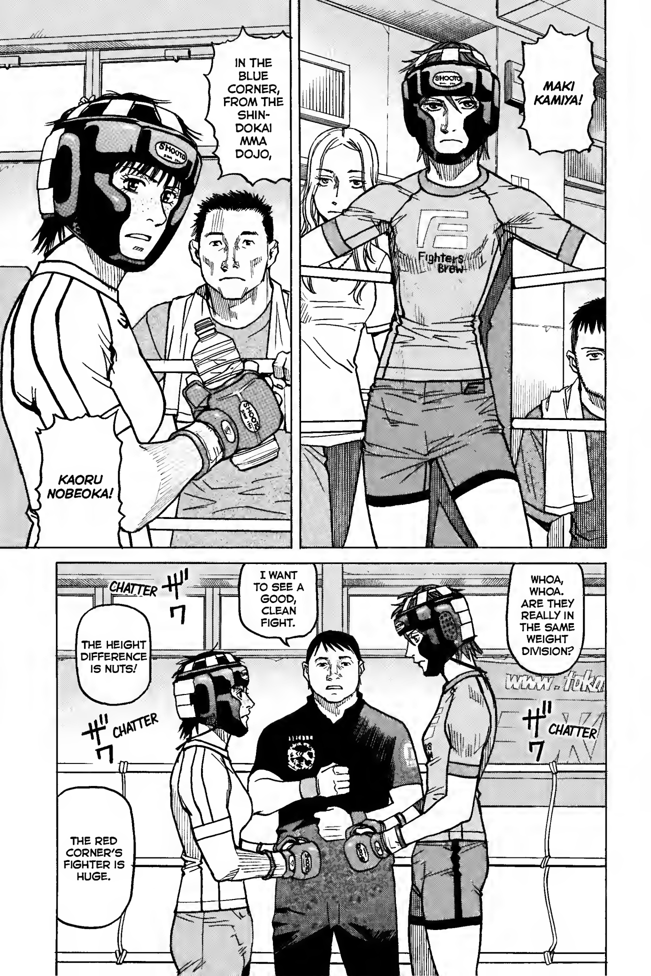

YOU GOT WRECKED THE FIRST HALF OF THAT FIGHT.
YOU MANAGED TO SQUEEZE OUT A WIN, BUT YOU FUMBLED THE WHOLE WAY.
I WON! ISN'T THAT GOOD ENOUGH?
LEAVE ME ALONE!
...
WHAT A FUNNY KID.
HE ACTUALLY WON BY COPYING HIS OPPONENT.
WE CAN'T LET HIM KEEP THAT UP, THOUGH.
IN THE SECTIONALS, YOU ONLY GET ONE FOUR MINUTE ROUND.
HE'S GONNA USE UP ALL THAT TIME FIGURING OUT HIS OPPONENT'S MOVES.
GOOD POINT.
HE MAY NOT HAVE A SOLID STYLE OR SPECIAL MOVES YET...

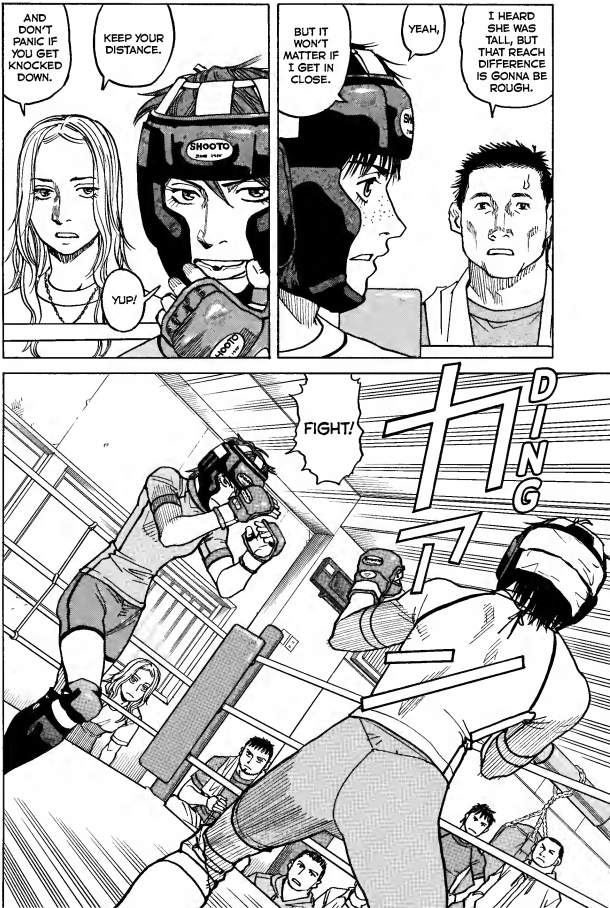

...BUT IT'S CLEAR THAT HE'S GETTING BETTER, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
SIIIIGH
HOPEFULLY THIS WILL HELP HIM GROW.
AAH...
WELL, I WON...
I WON...
I ACTUALLY WON...
HEH
I WON. ♡
HEH HEH
HE'S CREEPING ME OUT.
CAN I HIT HIM?
I WON! ♡
HA
LEAVE HIM ALONE, MAKI-CHAN!

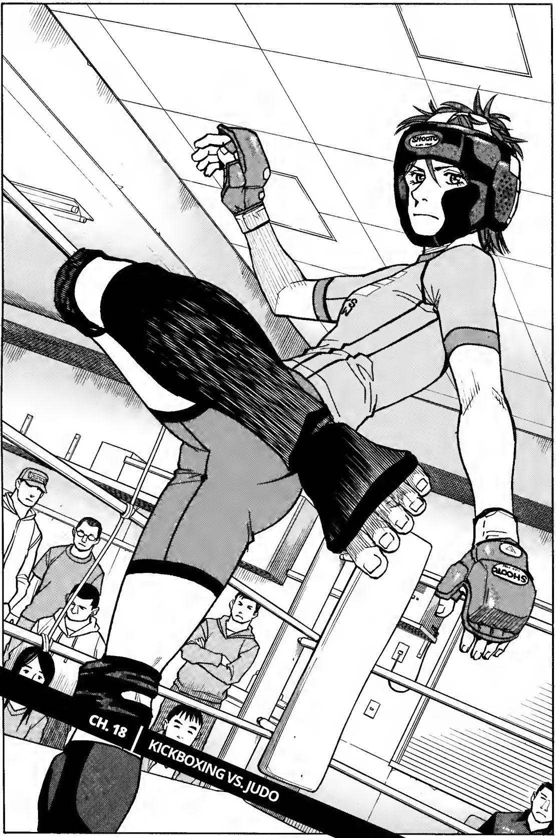

BAM
REMEMBER, KNEES TO THE FACE ARE ILLEGAL!
GOT IT.
AND NO BODY SLAMS.
NO GROUND AND POUND, EITHER.
STAY CALM IF SHE GRABS YOU.
JUST GET CONTROL OF THE ELBOW...
...TURN AROUND WITH YOUR LEG.
GOOD!
SWIFF
キュッ


SHE'S A JUDO USER, SO LOOK OUT FOR LEG SWEEPS.
UH-HUH.
JUST LIKE WE PRACTICED.
I HEAR YA!
IS SHE EVEN LISTENING?
C'MON, YUDAI-KUN.
SHE PROBABLY ISN'T.
SHE'S SO SURE THAT SHE'S THE BEST KICKBOXER AROUND.
...
OH.
THERE'S MY PREY.


SHE'S IN GOOD SHAPE.
YEAH.
TCH!
YOU'RE RIGHT.
I CAN'T LOSE TO *THAT...*
MAKI-CHAN...
WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING?
MATCH 20, FEATHERWEIGHT DIVISION, TWO ROUNDS*!*
IN THE RED CORNER, FROM FIGHTERS BREW,


MAKI KAMIYA!
IN THE BLUE CORNER, FROM THE SHIN-DOKAI MMA DOJO,
KAORU NOBEOKA!
SHOOTO
Fighters Brew
WHOA, WHOA. ARE THEY REALLY IN THE SAME WEIGHT DIVISION?
ザワ CHATTER
I WANT TO SEE A GOOD, CLEAN FIGHT.
ザワ CHATTER
THE HEIGHT DIFFERENCE IS NUTS!
ザワ CHATTER
THE RED CORNER'S FIGHTER IS HUGE.
www.toka


I HEARD SHE WAS TALL, BUT THAT REACH DIFFERENCE IS GONNA BE ROUGH.
YEAH,
BUT IT WON'T MATTER IF I GET IN CLOSE.
SHOOTO
KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.
AND DON'T PANIC IF YOU GET KNOCKED DOWN.
SHOOTO
YUP!
SHOOTO
DING
FIGHT!


SHOOTO
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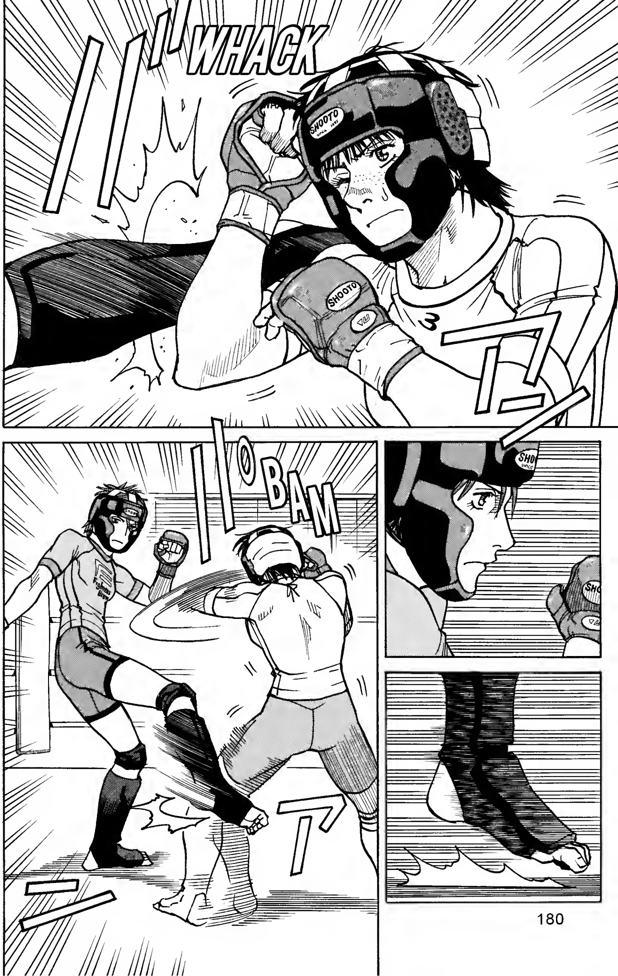
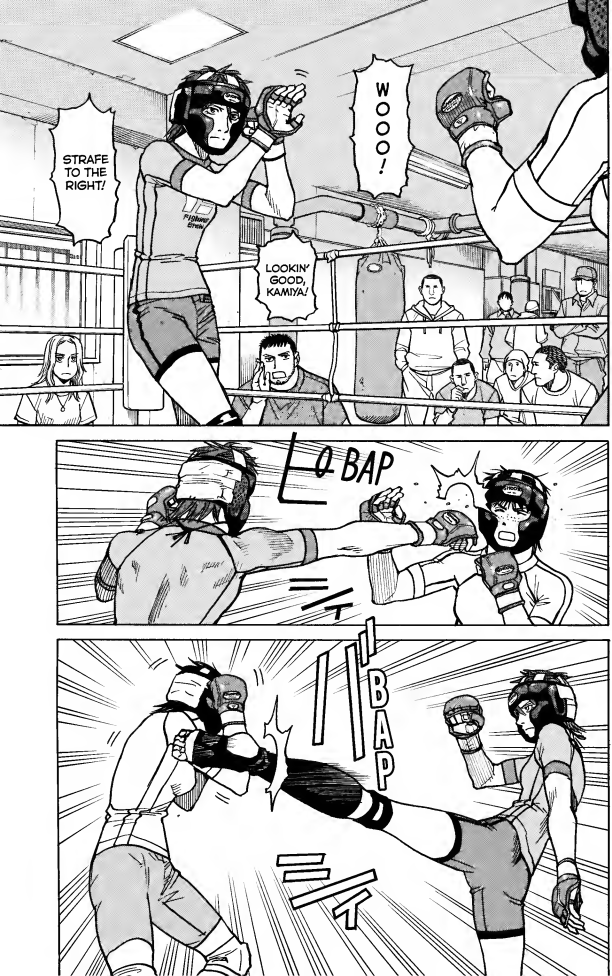
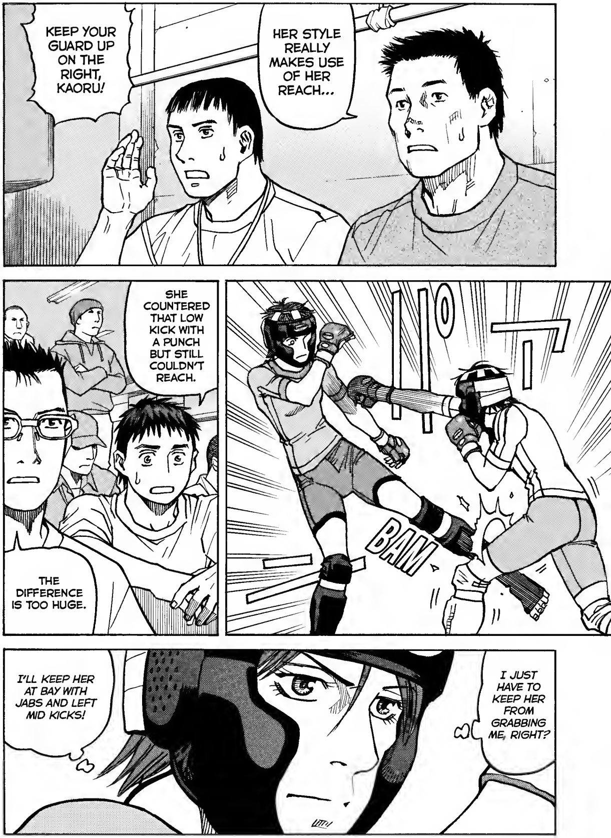
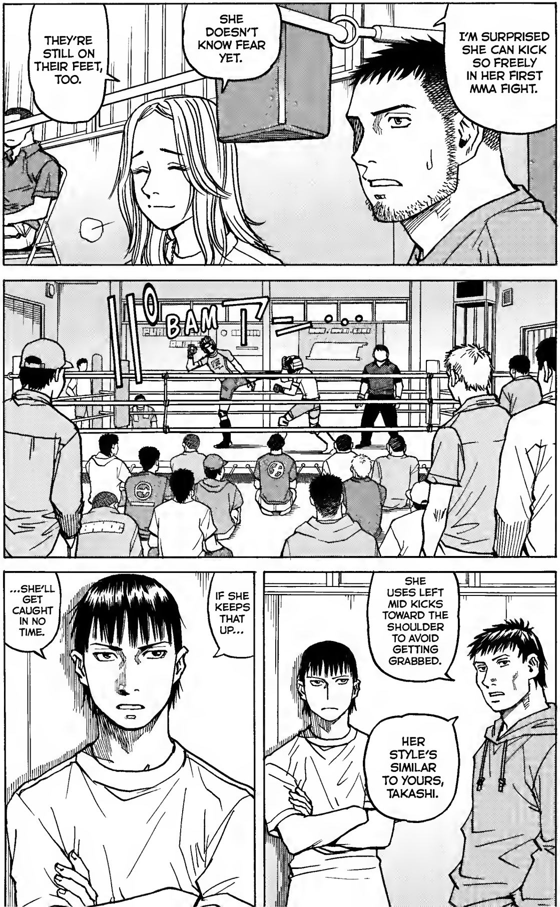
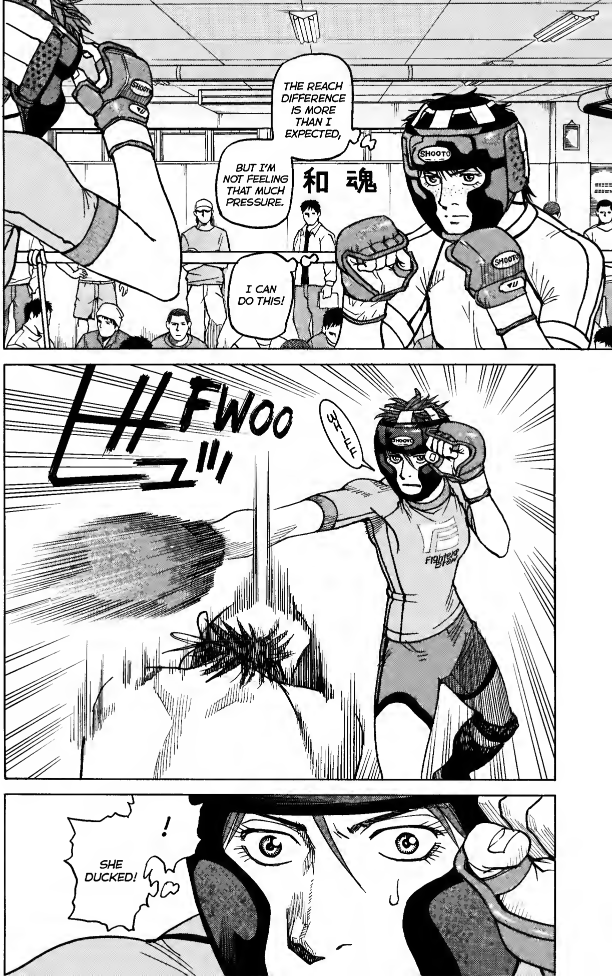
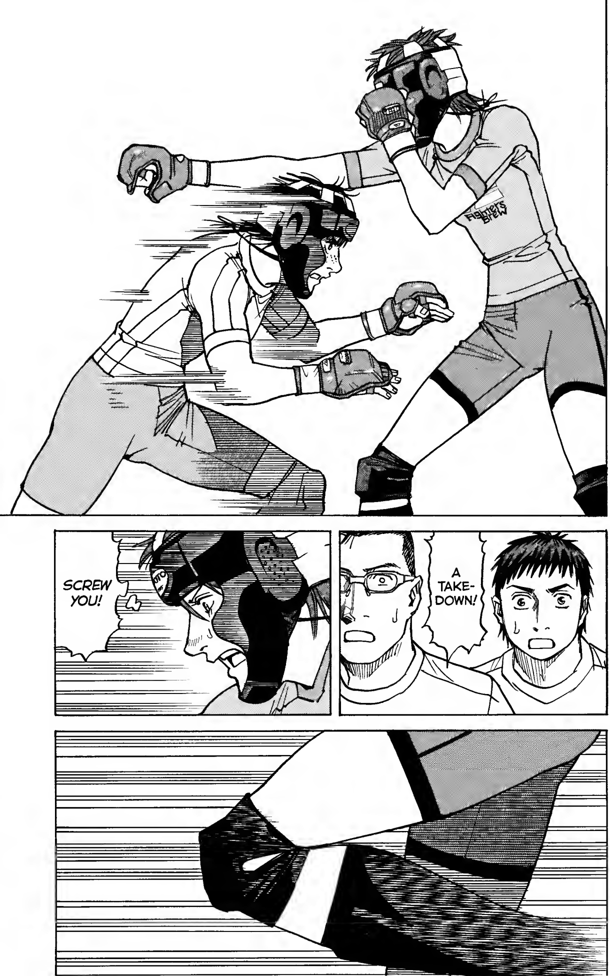

WHACK
SHOOTO
SHOOTO
BAM

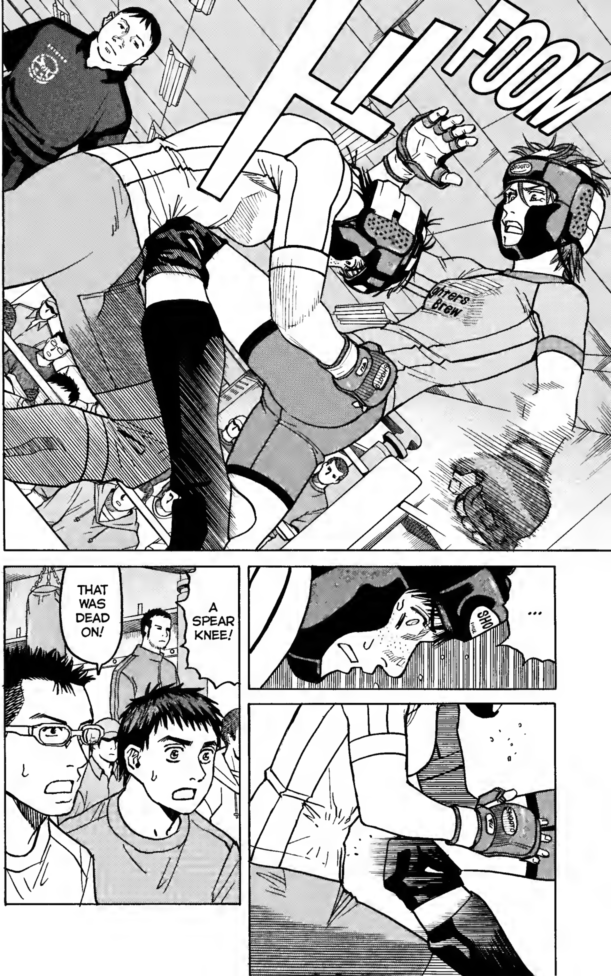

WOOOO!
STRAFE TO THE RIGHT!
LOOKIN' GOOD, KAMIYA!
BAP
BAP

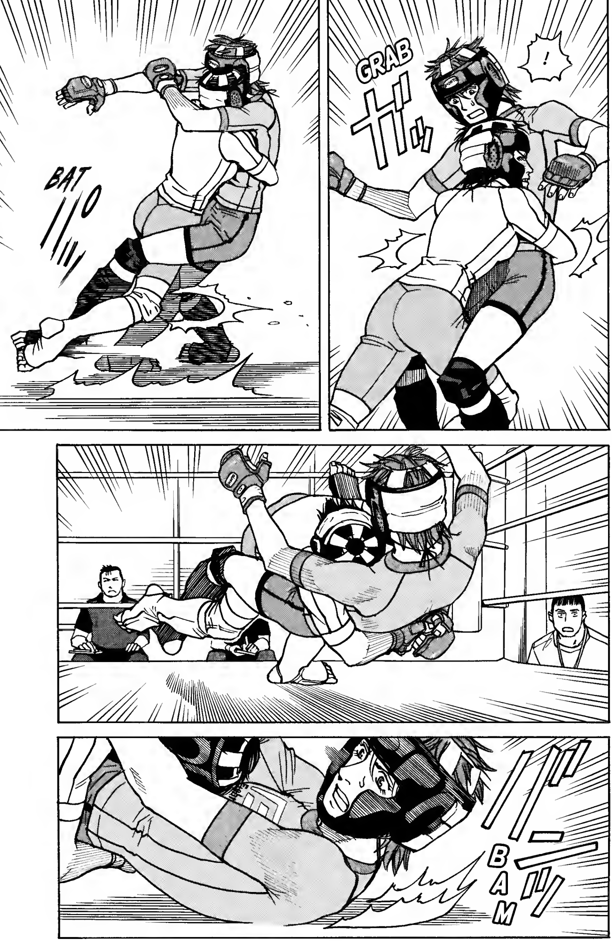

KEEP YOUR GUARD UP ON THE RIGHT, KAORU!
HER STYLE REALLY MAKES USE OF HER REACH...
SHE COUNTERED THAT LOW KICK WITH A PUNCH BUT STILL COULDN'T REACH.
THE DIFFERENCE IS TOO HUGE.
BAM
I'LL KEEP HER AT BAY WITH JABS AND LEFT MID KICKS!
I JUST HAVE TO KEEP HER FROM GRABBING ME, RIGHT?


I'M SURPRISED SHE CAN KICK SO FREELY IN HER FIRST MMA FIGHT.
SHE DOESN'T KNOW FEAR YET.
THEY'RE STILL ON THEIR FEET, TOO.
BAM
SHE USES LEFT MID KICKS TOWARD THE SHOULDER TO AVOID GETTING GRABBED.
HER STYLE'S SIMILAR TO YOURS, TAKASHI.
IF SHE KEEPS THAT UP...
...SHE'LL GET CAUGHT IN NO TIME.


SHOOTO
THE REACH DIFFERENCE IS MORE THAN I EXPECTED,
BUT I'M NOT FEELING THAT MUCH PRESSURE.
和 魂
SHOOTO
I CAN DO THIS!
SHOOTO
FWOO
ヒュゴッ
WHIFF
SHOOTO
Fighter's
!
SHE DUCKED!


Fighters Brew
A TAKEDOWN!
SCREW YOU!


FOOM
SHOOTO
Fighters Brew
THAT WAS DEAD ON!
A SPEAR KNEE!
...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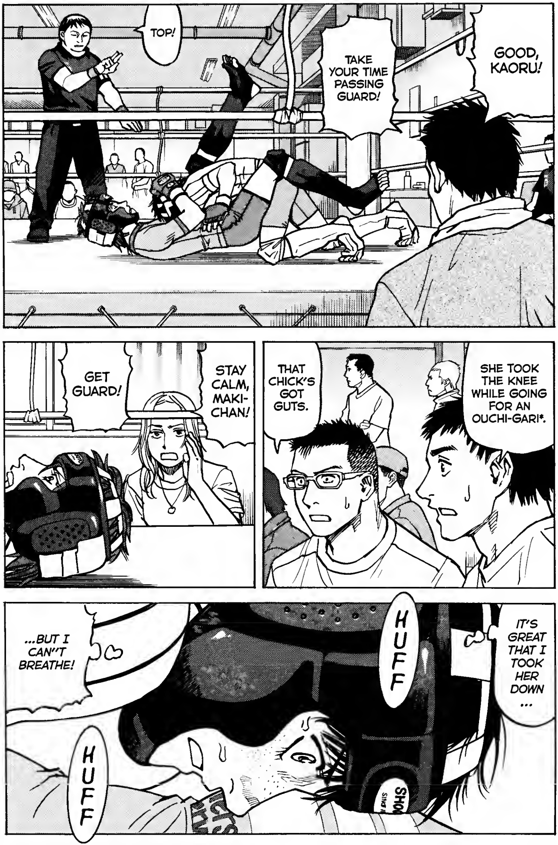
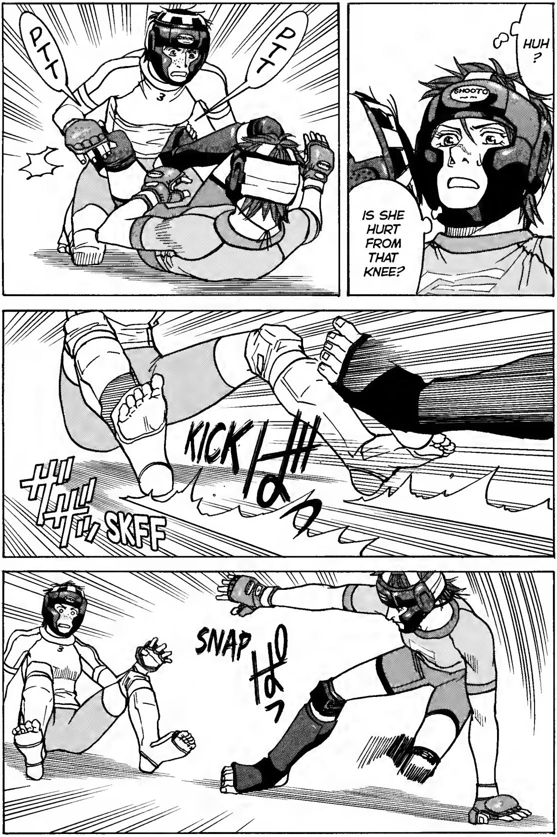
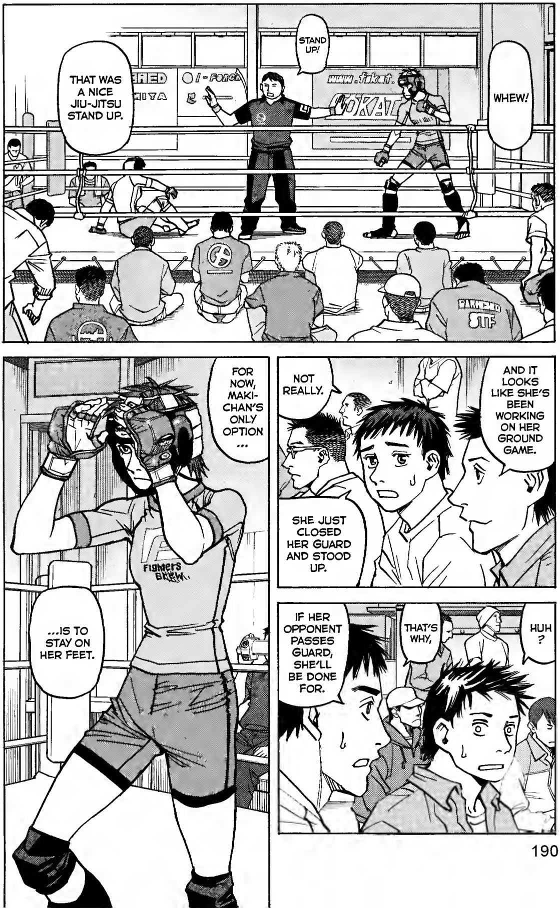
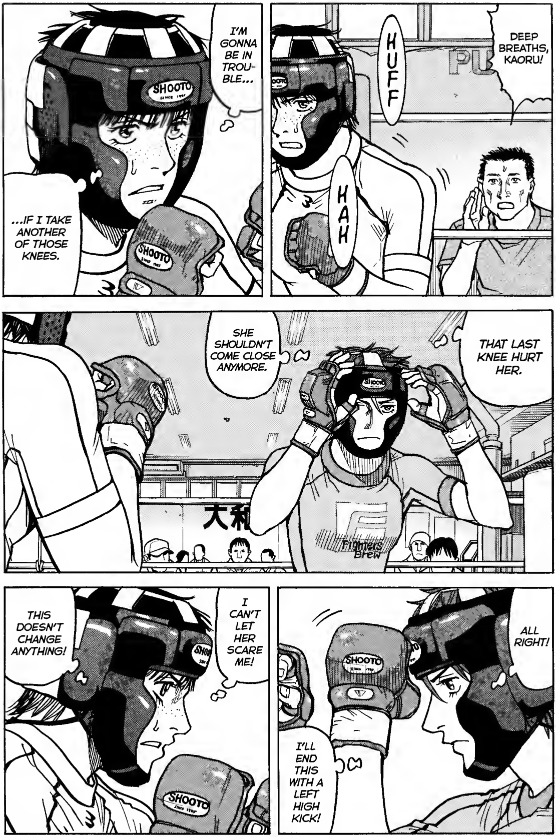
GRAB
ガッ
BAT
バッ
BAM

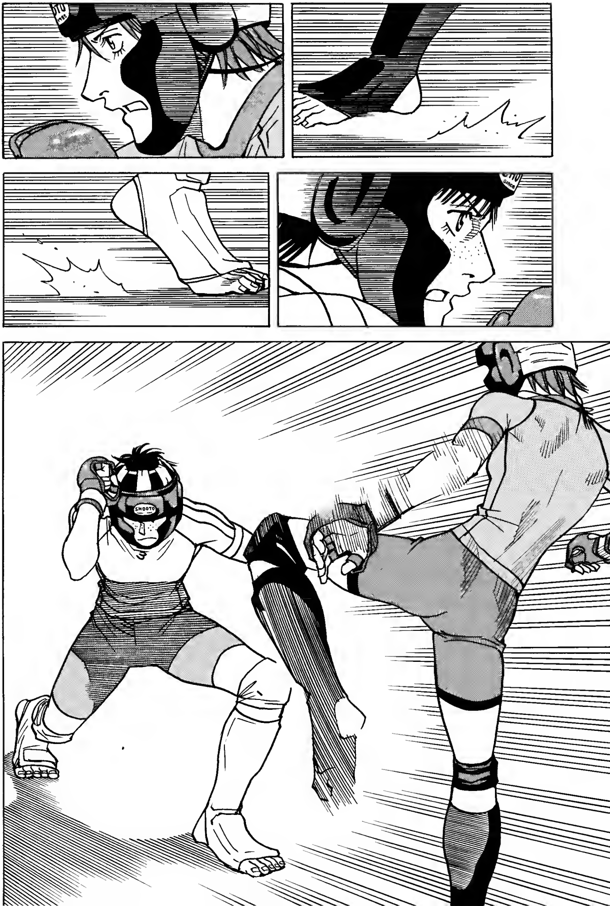

GOOD, KAORU!
TAKE YOUR TIME PASSING GUARD!
TOP!
SHE TOOK THE KNEE WHILE GOING FOR AN OUCHI-GARI*.
THAT CHICK'S GOT GUTS.
STAY CALM, MAKI-CHAN!
GET GUARD!
IT'S GREAT THAT I TOOK HER DOWN ...
HUFF
HUFF
...BUT I CAN''T BREATHE!

*A TYPE OF JUDO THROW.


HUH?
IS SHE HURT FROM THAT KNEE?
PTT
PTT
KICK ばっ
ザザッ SKFF
SNAP はっ


WHEW!
STAND UP!
THAT WAS A NICE JIU-JITSU STAND UP.
AND IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S BEEN WORKING ON HER GROUND GAME.
NOT REALLY.
SHE JUST CLOSED HER GUARD AND STOOD UP.
HUH?
THAT'S WHY,
IF HER OPPONENT PASSES GUARD, SHE'LL BE DONE FOR.
FOR NOW, MAKI-CHAN'S ONLY OPTION...
...IS TO STAY ON HER FEET.
Fighters BREW


DEEP BREATHS, KAORU!
HUFF
HAH
PU
I'M GONNA BE IN TROUBLE...
...IF I TAKE ANOTHER OF THOSE KNEES.
SHOOTO
THAT LAST KNEE HURT HER.
SHE SHOULDN'T COME CLOSE ANYMORE.
大和
Fighters Brew
ALL RIGHT!
I'LL END THIS WITH A LEFT HIGH KICK!
I CAN'T LET HER SCARE ME!
THIS DOESN'T CHANGE ANYTHING!
SHOOTO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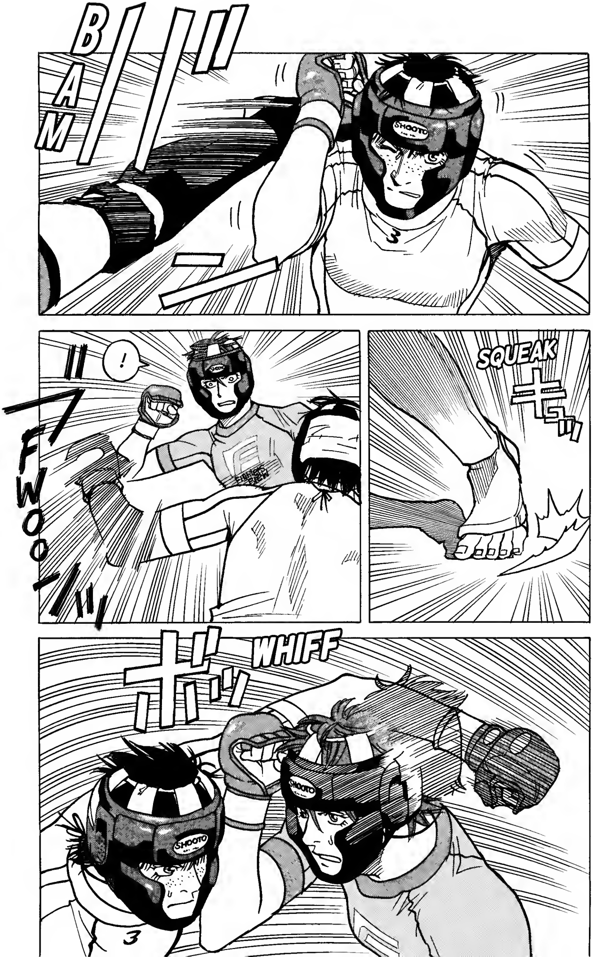
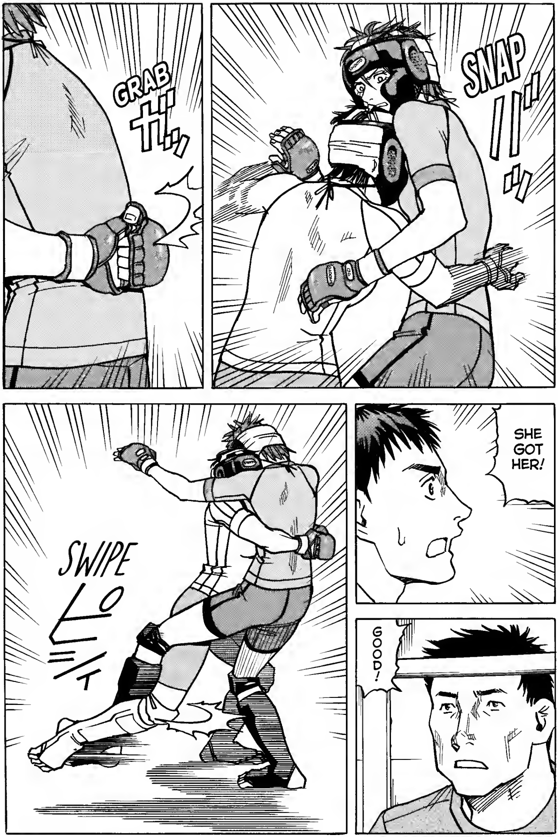
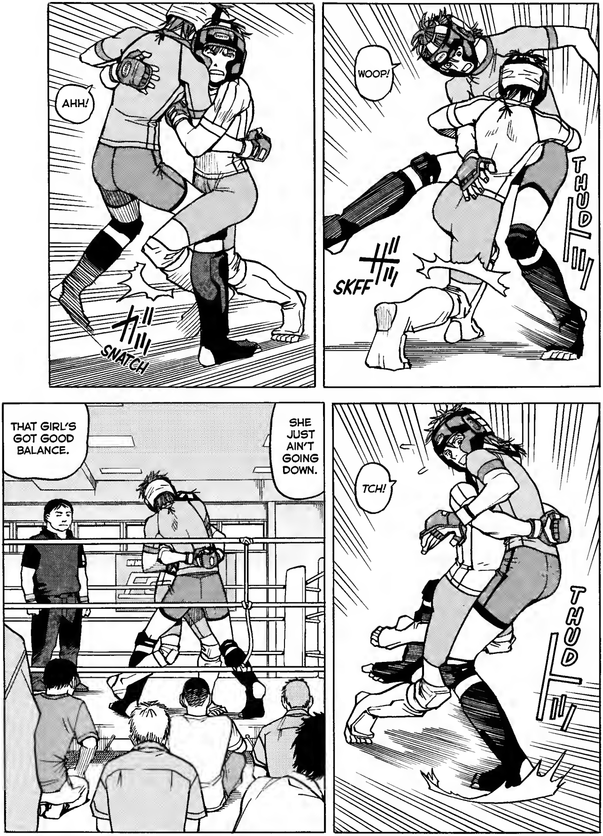
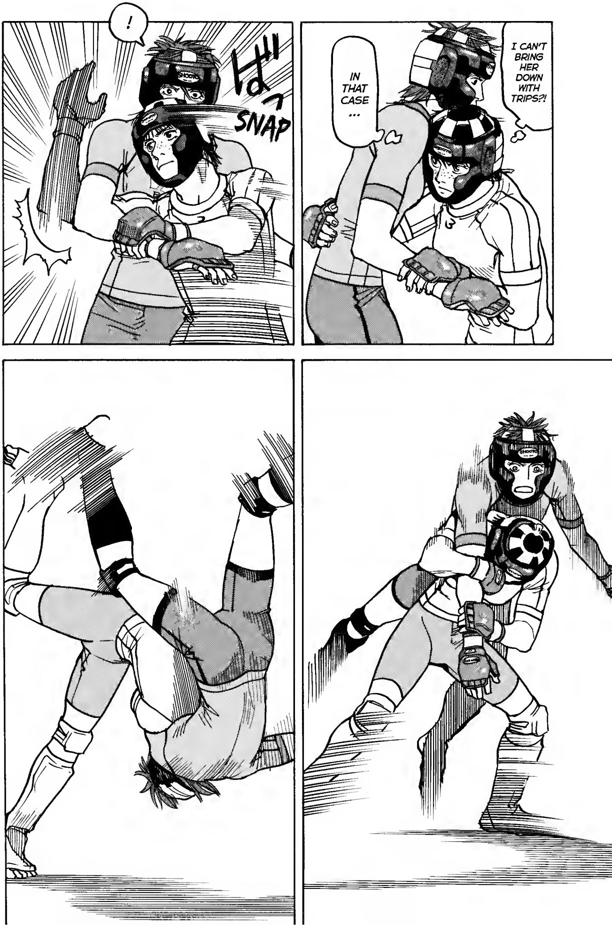
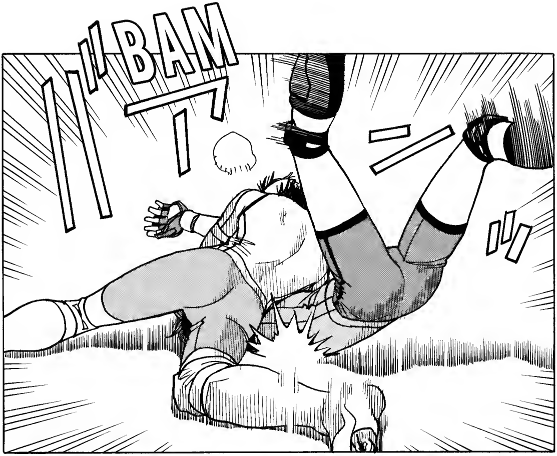

BAM
SHOOTO
SQUEAK
キュッ
!
ブ
FWOO—
WHIFF
ボッ
SHOOTO
SHOOTO

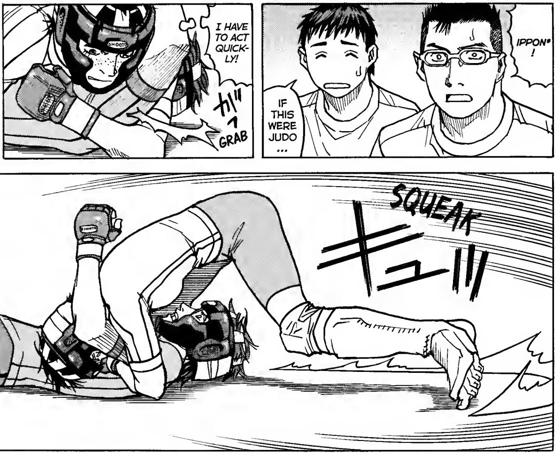

SNAP
バッ
GRAB
ガッ
SHE GOT HER!
GOOD!
SWIPE
ピーッ

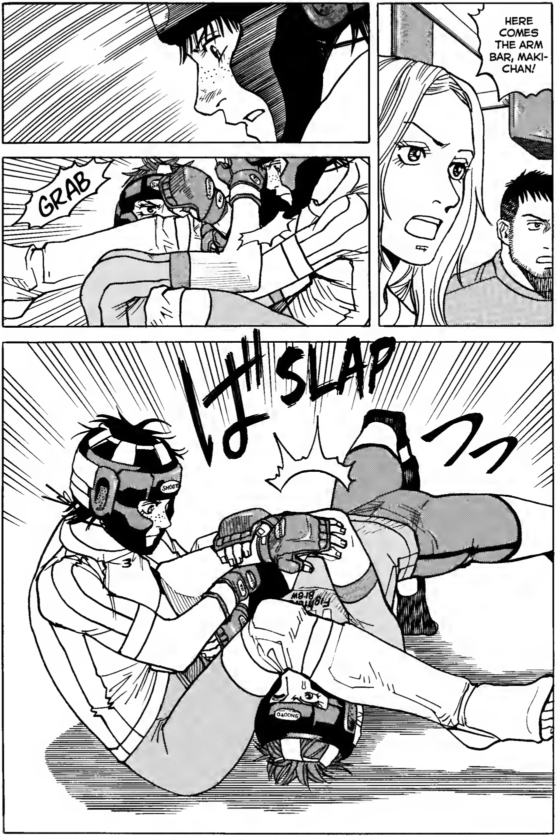

AHH!
ガッ
SNATCH
WOOP!
ザッ
SKFF
THUD
THAT GIRL'S GOT GOOD BALANCE.
SHE JUST AIN'T GOING DOWN.
TCH!
THUD


I CAN'T BRING HER DOWN WITH TRIPS?!
IN THAT CASE ...
!
ばっ
SNAP



*'IPPON' IS TO SCORE A POINT IN JUDO.


IPPON*!
IF THIS WERE JUDO...
I HAVE TO ACT QUICKLY!
GRAB
SQUEAK


HERE COMES THE ARM BAR, MAKI-CHAN!
GRAB
ぱ
SLAP
っっ
SHOOTO

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